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BRAVO ARGENTINA



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JORGE VALDANO goes wild after scoring the second goal in the World Cup in Argentina's 3-2 victory over West Germany yesterday.

World Cup Special Edition



ALL THE NEWS FROM THE WORLD CUP FINALS

WHAT THE EXPERTS HAD TO SAY

AFTER the final players from both sides, the coaches and champions of the past were caught in the euphoria of it all.

Many were on hand to give their thoughts on the Cup final. The emotions ran the full course from elation to despair, from looking forward to the future to retirements.

ASW presents a detailed coverage of the after-match interviews.

Having recovered his composure, Carlos Bilardo, the man affectionately known as Big Nose, said Argentina's victory was "a triumph of teamwork."

Referring to the criticism he endured in the Argentine media before and during the finals, Bilardo said: "A coach can be criticised but that's irrelevant. A trainer has to marry individual skills into a unit and I think I have achieved it."

"We won because our players inspired and perspired. Latin America is way behind Europe in tactical terms but we are ahead technically and if we can combine the two we can succeed."

"All the sacrifices we have made have been worthwhile. In the last 15 minutes our players were still in good condition. We were never really upset or concerned when West Germany equalised. I never felt we let our guard down. We counter-attacked all the time and could have scored more goals."

"I always thought Soccer was a team game and this side played as a team to win the World Championship."

"People in Argentina must now get used to the idea that although it is important to have individual players, the strength of the teams as a group is more important."

Argentina's captain Diego Maradona, with hordes of pressmen gathered around him waiting on every word, said: "I do not feel like the best player in the world, but just like being world champion."

"With this victory we have shut up those who had criticised us in Argentina."

"This is the most important win of my career because we were hungry for glory."

"The team showed great spirit when Germany undeservedly tied it at 2-2."

Goalscorer Jose Luis Brown said he was a religious person and had kissed a medal given to him by his child seconds before netting.

"I said to myself: 'I'm going to do it,'" Brown said.

West German coach Franz Beckenbauer said: "Argentina deserved to win. They are a great team."

"It is not only Maradona, they have 10 other great players."

"We did everything to keep Maradona out of the game. In the second half we had to switch Matthaeus into the offensive line and that's why (Karl-Heinz) Foerster took over."

"I don't think Maradona decided this game. We weren't careful and we punished ourselves with our own mistakes."

"They really had only three good shots at the goal and, unfortunately, all three were goals."

"We could have been the champions too, but I sincerely congratulate Argentina."

"When we scored the equalising goal, I felt we fully controlled the game, but the crowd noise made it impossible to shout instructions to my players."

"They made a mistake by not pulling back more into defence after our second goal."

"We gambled in defence in the end and we paid for it."

"We gave them a great fight, we came back to tie and we could have been the winners."

"I've been involved in three World Cups but this is my most successful."



ful. Conditions were so difficult for European teams with the heat and altitude. We can call this a complete success."

Beckenbauer said he felt the second Argentine goal was offside and said the final had not been a great one.

He added the defeat was not the fault of goalkeeper Harald Schumacher.

"He's one of the best in the world as he showed throughout this tournament. Perhaps today was not his lucky day, but we can't reproach him for that."

Schumacher himself was more candid. "We lost because I was so bad. I don't want to say more than that."

Many of the German players were inconsolable after the match.

Hans-Peter Briegel, who was also in the losing West German team in the 1982 final against Italy, said: "That was my last game for West Germany. A side who plays as offensively as we did after getting to 2-2 does not deserve to win. I am very disappointed."

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Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, although describing it as "a great final", agreed with Briegel. "It was of course a tactical mistake to play so offensively after drawing level," he said, "but that was due to the sudden euphoria."

"To be losing finalists is a great success but I am very disappointed. I don't know whether I will retire now, first I will take a holiday. I do not want to make such a decision in such an emotional moment."

Rudi Voeller said: "I was convinced we would go into extra time after my equaliser. I think we would have had a better chance then because of our greater physical reserves. All in all I am satisfied with our World Cup although at this moment I am disappointed."

Felix Magath, who now retires from football to become business manager of Hamburg, said: "In the years to come this World Cup will seem to us a beautiful sporting experience. That was the last game of my career."

Roberto Rivelino, a member of the fabulous Brazilian team who won the World Cup in the Aztec Stadium 16 years ago, said: "It was a good final which Argentina won deservedly."

He paid tribute to the Germans' "incredible fighting spirit" but said they were too concerned with Maradona "and thus allowed too much space to Burruchaga, Enrique and Valdano."

"Today's final was technically weak compared to the 1970 final," Rivelino said, "Brazil displayed football of a totally different calibre in that game against Italy."

Giacinto Facchetti, the former Italian international who opposed Brazil in the 1970 final, said: "Maradona did not play as spectacularly as against Belgium, but was incredibly valuable for the new champion in all his actions today."

Maradona's former Argentine coach and mentor Cesar Luis Menotti said: "He has proved what I have always said — that he is a genius on a football pitch. I always knew he could do this and lead Argentina to another great triumph."

Former West German World Cup star Paul Breitner said: "Argentina rely on Maradona he is the world's best player. But for me he does not yet compare with the greats of previous generations even though I admit he is the outstanding player in the world today."

Former England World Cup star Trevor Brooking said: "He is undoubtedly the greatest player in the world but I feel he still has to do it over a period of several years to equal Pele."

"But in these very defensive days his ability to beat men even at the highest level and his amazing change of pace put him apart from everyone else."

ARGENTINA'S KILLER BLOW ROCKS GERMANS

ARGENTINA, not even rated in the top four to win the 13th World Cup four weeks ago, staged a magnificent performance to defeat West Germany 3-2 at the Azteca Stadium before a colourful crowd of 114,000.

The South Americans' success saw tradition being upheld in that no European country has ever been able to win the World Cup on Latin American soil.

This was the second time Argentina has won the World trophy — the first in 1978 under Cesar Menotti in Argentina.

The Argentines' victory was even sweeter for the team as the Maradona-monopolised dominance was missing.

The World's most spectacular Soccer player, in contrast to Argentina's previous four matches, had a relatively subdued game, electing to play much deeper in the midfield and content to spray balls wide up front rather than repeatedly attacking himself.

In Argentina's six World Cup matches leading to the Final, the South Americans had conceded only three goals.

RESPECT

As expected, the Germans paid some severe respect to Maradona in the opening 20 minutes with some healthy, solid body crashing tackles to keep him in check.

Adding pressure to

Argentina's World idol was Brazilian referee Mr Arppi who as early as in the 17th minute, gave Maradona a yellow card for dissent when the man in black generously gave the Germans a free-kick.

Argentina hit the front in the 22nd minute when of all people, central defender Jose Luis Brown opened the score with a lovely header.

Argentina were awarded a free-kick on the right and it was taken by midfielder, Jorge Burruchaga. Burruchaga slung his shot across the Germans' goalmouth where, surprisingly, goalkeeper Tony Schumacher failed to cut out the cross despite racing off his line.

FRENZY

Brown standing on the back post graciously accepted his dream chance by smashing his header into the Germans' net to send the whole stadium into a frenzy.

Argentina looked far from comfortable in the first session and their play lacked the fluency, rhythm and colour of their last four outings.

Maradona was not dominating and their

passing was loose, more often than not going astray of their intended target.

The West Germans, however, had settled much quicker and looked more solid and composed than their counterparts. West Germany were even more prepared to take the game forward to the Argentines.

Franz Beckenbauer, West Germany's coach, surprisingly made a shock change at half-time. Beckenbauer took off his highly efficient striker Klaus Allofs and brought on the younger Rudi Voeller to join the German skipper Karl Heinz Rummenigge in the attack-line.

Four minutes after half-time goal-hero Brown suffered an injury to his right shoulder which saw him taken off the field for medical attention. Brown heroically returned holding his arm inside a slit cut on the front of his shirt for support.

The 56th minute saw Argentina crash in their second goal and lift them to what seemed to be an unassailable lead.

CULPRIT

Argentina's goal squandering culprit of past matches, striker Jorge Valdano decided that it was time for him to make amends for his country.

Maradona collected the ball very deep in his

own half, sliced on to Hector Enrique, who raided upfield. Enrique timed his pass perfectly to Valdano for the Real Madrid striker to race away into the Germans' box and place a firm side-footed 12 metre shot past a hesitant Schumacher.

With West Germany now two goals down and obviously having to try something different — and quickly — Beckenbauer made a second surprising substitution.

He took off midfielder schemer Felix Magath and brought on veteran target-man Dieter Hoeness. But the 33 year old war-horse was never going to be the answer for Germany.

However, in the space of nine minutes, West Germany rocked the Argentines by pulling back two goals in the 73rd and 82nd minutes.

Was Argentina releasing their grip on their second World Cup dreams?

West German blond 30 year old skipper Karl-Heinz Rummenigge scored from inside the six yard box with his outstretched right boot following a corner on the left by defender Dittmar Jakobs.

Rummenigge's goal fired West Germany and rekindled their aspirations for a Cup victory whilst Argentina dropped their heads.

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Argentine superstar Diego Maradona

ALL THE NEWS FROM THE WORLD CUP FINALS

THE WORLD CUP FINAL MINUTE BY MINUTE

ASW's Frank Coletta, like many of us, woke in the early hours of the morning to give you a blow by blow description of the final.



2nd min:The first corner of the World Cup final as West Germany's Andreas Brehme hits over an ineffective cross.

6th min:Argentina's Julio Olarticoechea sends over a dangerous cross which Harald Schumacher palms off the head of Jorge Burruchaga.

17th min:A fine West German build-up from the midfield. Felix Magath passes to Hans-Peter Briegel, who takes on Ricardo Giusti. Briegel falls into the area after the challenge and the referee awards a free-kick on the edge of the area. Brehme strikes the free-kick, Nery Pumpido saves but the referee orders retake of kick. Diego Maradona gesticulates and is shown the yellow card for his protests.

22nd min:Argentina launch a quick and incisive attack which ends with both Jose Cucuffo and Maradona being fouled. Lothar Matthaeus is shown the yellow card. The free-kick is swung over by Jorge Burruchaga and Jose Luis Brown leaps above the defenders and an out of position Schumacher to give Argentina a 1-0 lead with a header.

27th min:Burruchaga is fouled by Karl-Heinz Foerster on the edge of the area after Maradona had supplied the final

pass. The Argentine captain takes the free-kick which is saved by Schumacher.

32nd min:Foerster crosses for Thomas Berthold, who heads the ball down for Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, his shot goes wide.

37th min:Maradona passes to Valdano, who sends his captain through with a superb backheel. Schumacher slides with his feet rather than his hands and the ball bounces off Maradona's chest for a goal-kick.

46th min:Rudi Voeller substitutes Klaus Allofs.

47th min:Pumpido punts a long ball downfield to Valdano who heads the ball into the path of Maradona whose right foot shot is blocked.

49th min:Maradona releases Burruchaga. Argentina have three on one but the skilful number seven allows himself to be blocked with a goal imminent.

50th min:West Germany receive a free-kick and Foerster is bundled to the ground prior to the kick being taken. As the danger is cleared, the goalscorer Brown is flat out on the ground nursing a shoulder injury. He was to play throughout carrying the shoulder.

54th min:Brown hurts his shoulder again as he runs into the advertising

boards after a clash with Norbet Eder.

55th min:Argentina put together an explosive move. Maradona finds Hector Enrique and Valdano runs away on the left, Schumacher advances but the striker tucks the ball into the far corner. 2-0.

61st min:Argentina swing over a corner from the right through Burruchaga. Ruggeri bundles over Schumacher as the ball goes behind. Dieter Hoeness substitutes Felix Magath.

62nd min:Enrique runs 30 metres and is fouled. Briegel protests and is shown yellow card.

67th min:Enrique sends over a cross to the head of Valdano who heads wide.

68th min:Burruchaga puts Enrique through. The midfielder is called back for off-side but incorrectly.

71st min:Maradona passes to Giusti. The ball is sent across the face of goal and Berthold just denies the oncoming Burruchaga at the far-post.

73rd min:Andreas Brehme swings over a corner from the left. Rudi Voeller rises up to head the ball and Rummenigge pokes it in from close range to make it 1-2.

78th min:Olarticoechea is shown the yellow card for time-wasting.

80th min:Giusti throws the ball in to Maradona who flicks the ball up and strikes it just wide.

81st min:Enrique is shown the yellow card for not retreating 10 yards at a free-kick. Brehme swings over the corner, Berthold heads the ball firmly towards Voeller who reacts quickly to head the ball past Pumpido. 2-2.

84th min:Quick interchange passing in the middle of the park, Maradona sends Burruchaga on his way and he coolly slots the ball away past Schumacher after a 35 metre run to give Argentina the lead once more. 3-2.

86th min:Pumpido is shown the yellow card for time-wasting and Sergio Batista is also booked.

87th min:Valdano plays a one-two with Burruchaga and lays the ball off for Maradona who all but breaks free only to be fouled by two defenders outside the area. His free-kick is well saved by Schumacher.

90th min:Marcelo Trobbiani substitutes Burruchaga.

92nd min:Delightful skills right till the end from Argentina. Trobbiani puts Enrique clear with a back-heel but the finish is not of the highest standard.

93rd min:Referee blows full time. **BRAVO ARGENTINA!**

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

Halftime substitute Voeller levelled the scoreline when he knocked in his header from a corner slung in by defender Andreas Brehme to send the Azteca Stadium into absolute pandemonium.

Was the Cup going to

go into extra time and possibly be decided by penalties?

Argentina's pacey midfielder Jorge Burruchaga however said "no way".

Two minutes after Voeller's goal, Burruchaga gained possession 40 metres out and streaked away upfield and into Germany's

box.

Again Schumacher seemed hesitant in coming out and Burruchaga buried his right-foot shot under Schumacher's outstretched body to nail in Argentina's third and World Cup winning goal. The Cup was now on its way from Rome back to Buenos Aires after eight

years.

Two minutes from fulltime Maradona almost scored when his freekick from the edge of the box was parried by Schumacher onto the right post for a corner.

But the action was all over after that.

The Cup was in Argentina's possession and the South Americans' heroic efforts were wildly being acknowledged throughout the World.

Dr Carlos Bilardo, Argentina's master, had emulated the efforts of Menotti in 1978.

ARGENTINA ... CAMPEON 1986.

ARGENTINA: Pumpido; Ruggeri, Brown, Cucuffo, Olarticoechea, Giusti, Batista, Burruchaga (Trobbiani 89th), Enrique, Maradona, Valdano.

WEST GERMANY: Schumacher; Briegel, Brehme, Foerster, Eder, Matthaus, Magath (Hoeness 62nd), Rummenigge, Jakobs, Allofs (Voeller 46th), Berthold.

Referee: Mr B.Arppi (Brazil). Crowd: 114,000.



At top, Karl-Heinz Rummenigge saved his best form for the Cup final. He scored the opening goal for West Germany to put them back into the game. At bottom, Rudi Voeller completed the fightback with the second goal. Unfortunately for the Germans, his joy was short-lived.



Jorge Luis Burruchaga

Hans-Peter Briegel



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FRANCE BOWS OUT OF WORLD CUP WITH A VICTORY OVER BELGIUM

FRANCE, the most attractive and imaginative side in Mexico, bowed out of the World series by again giving another colourful exhibition of entertaining, goal-packed football to beat Belgium 4-2 to finish third in this World Cup Series at Puebla.

French coach Henri Michel dropped for this last match no fewer than eight of his first-team stars but still ended with a victory.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

Gone were Joel Bats, Willam Ayache, Max Bossis, Michel Platini, Luis Fernandez, Alain Giresse, Dominique Rocheteau and Yannick Stopyra.

In their place came Albert Rust, Michel Bibard, Yvon Le Roux, Jean-Marc Ferreri, Bernard Genghini, Philippe Vercruysse, Bruno Bellome and Jean-Pierre Papin.

But their replacements carried on from where their Legionaire predecessors left off with sparkling, open attacking Soccer.

In the 10th minute, Genghini chipped into the Belgium box a short ball from the left but Papin's shot from the right was wide.

The 11th minute saw Belgium open the score through striker-captain Jan Ceulemans after being sent through by Enzo Scifo.

The 27th minute saw France hit back to level the score through Ferreri.

Vercruysse short-passed to Ferreri inside the box and the latter scored from eight metres.

Belgium came again but Veyt's shot from close-range went well

over the top after Ceulemans had put him into the clear.

Three minutes from "drinks", France took the lead.

Genghini burst into the Belgians' box and passed to his right to find Papin who hammered the ball home from six metres.

But 21 minutes into the second session, Belgium levelled at 2-all when Nico Claesen spun around to hit a first time shot into the net from short range.

France's new captain, 29 year old centre-back, Patrick Battiston, from the club Bordeaux, taking over from Platini and making his 49th appearance for the national team, was a tremendous tower of strength for this new side.

The ball-playing centre-back, relishing the newly acquired responsibility bestowed upon him by Henri Michel, took command of the match and splendidly directed proceedings from the French back-line.

With the score still locked at 2-all after normal time, English referee George Courtney ordered 30 minutes extra time.

France again took the lead when Genghini spun round inside the box to meet and hit a perfect flat-cross knocked in from the left.

The 110th minute saw France awarded a penal-

ty when Belgium defender Eric Gerets from Dutch side PSV Eindhoven, fouled Genghini inside the box.

The fabulous French fullback, Manuel Amoros, took the penalty and hit a lazy left-footed shot to the left, sending Belgium's goalkeeper, Jean-Marie Pfaff the wrong way and to roll the scoreboard over to read France 4 Belgium 2.

A cross from Veyt on the right in the 114th minute saw Claesen head strongly on the near post to almost score.

But Battiston, like a classical member of a French ballet, elegantly hooked Claesen's header in mid-air off the line to deny the Belgians a further goal.

Four minutes later, France should have rattled in their fifth goal of this play-off clash.

Jean-Pierre Papin, skied his close-range shot from the left well over the bar after Belgian keeper Pfaff dropped a short cross from the right sent in by Vercruysse.

HISTORY

This team from France will go down in history as one of the great sides to grace a World Cup Series.

In years to come they will be remembered just like the magical Hungarians of the 1950s.

Classical players of the quality of Bats, Amoros, Battiston, Bossis, Ayache, Giresse, Tigana, Platini, Fernan-

dez, Stopyra and Rocheteau, have left indelible memories behind them in Mexico as they boarded their aircraft last night bound for Paris.

France went close four years ago in attempts to win the World Cup in Spain but finished fourth, and most of the same team backed up in Mexico but against tougher opposition to finish third in the World.

Tougher opposition in the form of Russia, Italy, Brazil and yet again West Germany.

France attacked and defended as a complete unit.

What other side could have boasted ball-playing centre-backs like Battiston and Bossis?

Or for that matter, fullbacks like Amoros and Ayache who would easily be compatible as wingers for any other side.

Not forgetting the link-line of Giresse, Platini, Tigana and Fernandez, all possessing an architectural flair of imagination that repeatedly split defences in their path.

And as for Rocheteau and Stopyra in the strike-line, what else can be said about them.

France ... For the memories ... "Merci beaucoup".

Au Revoir.

FRANCE: Rust: Amoros, Battiston, Bibard, Le Roux, Ferreri, Genghini, Tigana (Tusseau 84th), Vercruysse, Bellome, Papin.

BELGIUM: Pfaff: Gerets, Renquin, Scifo, Ceulemans, Grun, Claesen, Mommens, Veyt, De Mol, Vervoort.

Referee: Mr George Courtney (England).



Diego Maradona.

MARADONA MURDERS BELGIUM AS WELL

MARADONA, the name lately being used far more than Soccer, was at it again when he scored both goals in Argentina's 2-0 victory at Azteca Stadium in the semis to send Belgium crashing out of the Finals.

The Argentine captain, a player destined to become an immortal in the sport, could not be contained despite Belgium's well organised defence.

As early as in the fifth minute Maradona cut loose to set up Jorge Burruchaga with a chance. Burruchaga's shot however was well wide of the target.

The 10th minute saw Maradona belt a thunderous 22 metre inswinger which the Belgium goalkeeper, Jean-Marie Pfaff could only half block.

But Maradona's strike colleague, Jorge Valdano who raced up in support, knocked the loose ball into the net with shoulder assistance and the Mexican referee, Mr Marquez promptly disallowed the goal.

Maradona in this clash showed just how exceptionally strong he really is. Twice he was boxed in by Belgium defenders and twice he busted through using his powerful shoulders as bumper-bars.

Despite Argentina dominating possession for the first session the

organised Belgium defence denied the South Americans a clean shot at the target.

But the jokes were over minutes into the second half.

Maradona took just seven minutes to have the Belgians bleeding.

Dragging two Belgium defenders into the box on the right side of goal, Maradona stabbed a powerful seven metre shot off his left outstep to beat the advancing Pfaff.

The goal had pace, power, strength and tightness.

On the hour mark, Belgium's Nico Claesen had a glorious opportunity to level for Belgium.

Claesen gathered a cross knocked into him on the second post eight metres out but the pass had too much sting for Claesen to control.

The 62nd minute saw Argentina's midfielder, Julio Olarticoechea smash what looked to be Argentina's second goal, but Pfaff diving sharply to his left pulled off a magnificent save.

The 66th minute saw

Maradona crack his second goal to lift Argentina into the Cup Final for the first time since 1978.

Collecting the ball 30 metres out, Maradona raced away ripping through the Belgium central defence. Once inside the box he veered to his left before unleashing a left-footed controlled chip into the far right hand corner of Belgium's net.

Seconds later he missed out on his first World Cup hat-trick.

From just inside the box, Maradona's low snap-drive whistled inches past the far post.

From the line Maradona cut back a lovely ball for the advancing Jorge Valdano, but with the goals at his mercy the Real Madrid striker side-footed his shot over the top of the cross-bar.

ARGENTINA: Pumpido: Ruggeri, Cuciuffo, Brown, Giusti, Enrique, Batista, Olarticoechea, Maradona, Burruchaga (Bochini 85th), Valdano.

BELGIUM: Pfaff: Gerets, Renquin (Desmet 57th), Grun, De Mol, Vervoort, Scifo, Vercruysse, Ceulemans, Claesen, Veyt.

Referee: Mr Marquez (Mexico).



DIEGO MARADONA claims his first against Belgium in the semi-final.

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IT'S AU REVOIR FRANCE AS GERMANS MAKE FINAL

WEST GERMANY made history when they overwhelmed a lethargic France 2-0 in the semi-final at the Jalisco Stadio in Guadalajara.

France never recovered from the early blow dealt to them in the ninth minute when a free-kick from Andreas Brehme was squeezed into the goal by keeper Joel Bats.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

With an exhibition of ultra-strict team discipline at the expense of any single self-expression, West Germany bundled highly fancied France out of the 1986 World Cup.

Despite France showing all the flair and colour of highly attractive, entertaining Soccer the German clinically-efficient defensive tactics blocked Platini's men from progressing any further in Mexico.

France suffered a very early set-back when the Italian referee, Mr Luigi Agnolin awarded a rather harsh free-kick to the Germans just outside the corner of the box on the right.

West German midfielder Felix Magath touched the free-kick on for right back Brehme to slash a vicious left-footed shot straight into the French goalkeeper's diving body.

But to everyone's horror, the French keeper mishandled the hot drive and allowed the ball to spill under his body and into the goal to give Germany a dream start.

Strictly speaking, France never recovered from this set-back.

The early goal allowed West Germany to sit back and wait for France to come forward as it was Platini's men who now had to take the initiative.

France never shirked their responsibility and through their star-studded back-line of Manuel Amoros, Patrik Battiston, Maxime Bossis and William Ayache, they kept coming forward.

But France was still

playing with too much confidence and there seemed no urgency in their style. With monotonous regularity the French pushed up, spraying passes all over the pitch but invariably the final pass was intercepted and the whole movement would break down.

A nasty foul on France's coloured midfielder, Jean Tigana, earned them a free-kick in the 15th minute.

Midfielder Alain Giresse chipped his shot over the German wall to Platini but the Juventus champion narrowly missed the target with his final effort.

Again in the 27th minute, France came forward strongly through

Platini. Platini got well into the box but as he steadied himself for a shot, lost his balance as well as possession.

The Frenchmen took the field without their star-striker, Dominique Rocheteau who was injured and his replacement, Bruno Bellone, failed to match his predecessor's quality efforts.

France elected to play Platini as a second striker, a tactic which failed as the French captain was brought closer to West Germany's tough centre-backs Foerster and Jakobs, plus having to cope with his personal marker Wolfgang Rolff. This constant attention

repeatedly cut off all of his initiative in scoring or attacking.

The French midfield of Giresse, Tigana and Luis Fernandez looked spectacular when breaking forward, but the steel wall of defenders surrounding the German's penalty box proved too strong for them.

The half hour mark saw the French goalkeeper work overtime as he was forced to make rapid saves from shots fired in succession from Karl Heinz Rummenigge and fullback Hans Peter Briegel.

The 34th minute again saw the Germans make successive shots at the French target. Rummenigge then Magath sent in screamers that were both well blocked.

The consensus of opinion was that the French were drained from their massive clash with Brazil, but the real reason was that they took this match a little too casually and fully expected it would be only a matter of time before the goals would flow.

The Germans had different ideas, though and stuck to their iron-like defensive patterns allowing France to come forward and then break them up on the edge of the box.

Just before halftime, France again came strongly, this time through Tigana bursting down the middle. Once at the edge of the box, Tigana unleashed a thunderbolt from in front which the German goalkeeper, Toni Shumacher, did well to knock down.

Reminiscent of Germany's Bertie Voigts, who did a great "policeman's job" on Johan Cruyff in 1974, Rolff did

a "tight job" on Platini, which upset the whole balance of the French team.

The 47th minute saw a disgusting piece of refereeing by Agnolin.

French striker Stopyra boke away almost into the clear down the right flank only to be grabbed around the neck by Foerster and flung to the ground.

Foerster fully expecting a card of at least some colour, was shown nothing by the Italian referee who awarded a harmless free-kick to the Frenchman.

The 53rd minute saw Platini's minder Rolff peel off his French foe and break forward to belt a 20 metre drive that Bats brilliantly stopped.

West Germany's coach, Franz Beckenbauer decided that his side needed more pace up front and took off his cumbersome captain, Rummenigge, and brought on Rudi Voeller in the 59th minute.

But France still kept coming confidently and in the 65th minute were almost rewarded with a goal.

Striker Stopyra, rounded his defender and got into the German's box and let fly with a cracking drive that sent Schumacher the wrong way. But Schumacher was just able to save with his left boot and clear the danger.

Three minutes later, Platini darted clear and looked certain to score, only to be flagged for off-side.

The 70th minute again saw Platini almost break clear, but again the flag pulled him back.

With frustration setting in on France, the 80th minute saw their coach Henri Michel sur-

prisingly replace his industrious midfielder Giresse and bring on striker Phillippe Ver-cruysse.

Time was now rapidly running out for France as they began to throw more and more men forward, leaving themselves extremely thin at the back.

In the last seconds of the match, as one could possibly expect, Germany gained possession and badly caught out France on the break.

Both French centre-backs, Battiston and Bossis were well forward when Germany's substitute striker Voeller raced away well into the clear. The French goal keeper came some eight metres out of his box, but Voeller easily chipped the ball over him.

Voeller ran around the stranded keeper and rolled the ball home from 10 metres to seal West Germany's Cup final berth against Argentina.

The German's semi-final victory gave them a World Cup record of having qualified for the final on five occasions ... (1954, 66, 74, 82 and 86).

It was a great shame to see the magnificent French team bow out for the second successive time against the same opponent.

Superb players like Bossis (31), Platini (31), Giresse (34), Tigana (31) and Rocheteau (31), have now surely played their last World Cup matches for France.

FRANCE: Bats, Giresse (Ver-cruysse 70th), Amoros, Platini, Battiston, Tigana, Bossis, Fernandez, Ayache, Bellone (Xuereb 67th), Stopyra.

WEST GERMANY: Schumacher, Brehme, Foerster, Jakobs, Eder, Briegel, Matthaus, Rolff, Magath, Rummenigge (Voeller 59th), Allots.

REFEREE: L. Agnolin (Italy).



YANNICK STOPYRA is brought down unceremoniously by ANDREAS BREHME.

GOAL CELEBRATIONS VARIATIONS OF A REGULAR THEME

WE became accustomed in Australia to that whirling arm or double clench fist displays that signals goals.

But there is more to life — and goalscoring — than that.

The FIFA World Cup demonstrated many variations — there is no copyright on them so we may yet see them here in Aussie.

Reuter's Phil Davison catalogued them this way:

Long after the goals at this year's World Cup finals have been forgotten, people may well reminisce about what happened after them.

Nowadays, the celebrations of goal scorers are often more colourful than the goals themselves.

Gone are the days when a goal scorer received a quick handshake from his teammates as he trotted back to the centre circle for the restart.

In the modern game the commemoration of a goal has become almost a religious ritual and players have developed their individual ways of expressing their joy.

During the World

Cup these expressions have reached new heights, or sunk to new depths, depending on taste. Here is a selection of the best of the apes goals:

- Careca, of Brazil: Came up with a new one after scoring against Poland. It appears to be an aeroplane imitation like a child playing at being a 747, arms held horizontally and a zig-zag run.

- Hugo Sanchez, of Mexico: Ten out of ten for his trademark "look-no-hands" somersault flip which he employed after scoring against Belgium. But judges might dock some style points for the booking he received when he kicked the ball into the crowd after Fernando Quirarte's goal in the same game.

- Luis Flores, of Mexico: Luis likes to lift his jersey high, revealing his stomach, as he does a half-lap around the pitch. No-one quite knows why, although women fans say he has a very attractive stomach.

- Julio Romero, of Paraguay: For Romerito, as he is known, it was the dramatic knee slide towards the touchline after he scored against

Mexico. This one's all right on grass, but children who play football in the streets are not advised to copy it.

- Josimar, of Brazil: Went for the ice hockey knees-up after scoring against Poland. This one's getting old hat. It was used by several players, including West

Germany's Lothar Matthaus and Bulgaria's Nasko Sirakov. Sirakov gave it that little bit extra by jumping over the advertising hoardings afterwards.

- Edinho, of Brazil: After scoring against Poland Edinho launched into a skip — the sort of thing children do on the

way back from school when they know they have no homework.

- Fernando Quirarte, of Mexico: Fernando must have seen videos of Italy's Marco Tardelli in the 1982 final. For him, after scoring against Belgium, it was the clenched-fist run with arms apart and mouth wide

open in a silent scream.

- Socrates, of Brazil: For Dr Socrates simply the majestic trot back to the centre circle, one finger aloft, after his philosophically taken penalty kick against Poland.

- Altobelli, of Italy: The exception to the rule. After his four goals in these finals he managed to retain his face of stone. Could he not at least have managed a small smile?

- Gordon Strachan, of Scotland: Gets the prize for the best sense of

humour after scoring against West Germany, Scotland's only goal of the finals.

In a self-mocking gesture the diminutive red-head pretended he was trying to jump the advertising hoarding just like the big boys do. As a joke he stopped with one leg over, pretending he was stuck. Unfortunately, the referee did not see the funny side. He booked the Scot for wasting time.

— Reuter & Sydney Morning Herald

THE BEATEN TEAMS

BELOW is the list of the teams that are at home watching the World Cup on television.

The statistics show the position in which they finished.

NO.	NATION	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	DIF
5.	BRAZIL	5	4	0	1	10	1	8	9
6.	MEXICO	5	3	1	1	6	2	7	4
7.	SPAIN	5	3	0	2	11	4	6	7
8.	ENGLAND	5	2	1	2	7	3	5	4
9.	DENMARK	4	3	0	1	10	6	6	4
10.	USSR	4	2	0	1	12	5	5	7
11.	MOROCCO	4	1	2	1	3	2	4	1
12.	ITALY	4	1	2	1	5	6	4	-1
13.	PARAGUAY	4	1	2	1	4	6	4	-2
14.	POLAND	4	1	1	2	1	7	3	-6
15.	BULGARIA	4	0	2	2	2	6	2	-4
16.	URUGUAY	4	0	2	2	2	8	2	-6
17.	PORTUGAL	3	1	0	2	2	4	2	-2
18.	HUNGARY	3	1	0	2	2	9	2	-7
19.	SCOTLAND	3	0	1	2	1	3	1	-2
20.	S. KOREA	3	0	1	2	4	7	1	-3
21.	N. IRELAND	3	0	1	2	2	6	1	-4
22.	ALGERIA	3	0	1	2	1	5	1	-4
23.	IRAQ	3	0	0	3	1	4	0	-3
24.	CANADA	3	0	0	3	0	5	0	-5

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ASW'S JOHNNY WARREN HAS HIS SAY

Adiós al Mundial

SADLY the World Cup is over.

The return to normal lifestyles and proper sleeping habits will be little compensation for the millions of Soccer fans throughout the world. Who now have to live without the skills, excitement, drama, and controversy that the 13th World Championship brought into their homes.

Sadly, too, we now have to wait four years for our next World Championship which brings me to some of the changes I would like to see to future World Cups.

Like all opinions many are going to disagree with my suggestions but here goes anyhow.

Four years is too long between World Cups and in view of the little difficulty FIFA has in making enormous profits through TV rights, advertising and gate monies out of the four yearly event I would like to see it played every two or three years.

The number of finalists should be increased from 24 to 32.

Apart from enabling more fringe nations to compete the 32 teams would provide a simple

eight groups of four teams in the first round robin series with the top two in each group moving into the second knock out round.

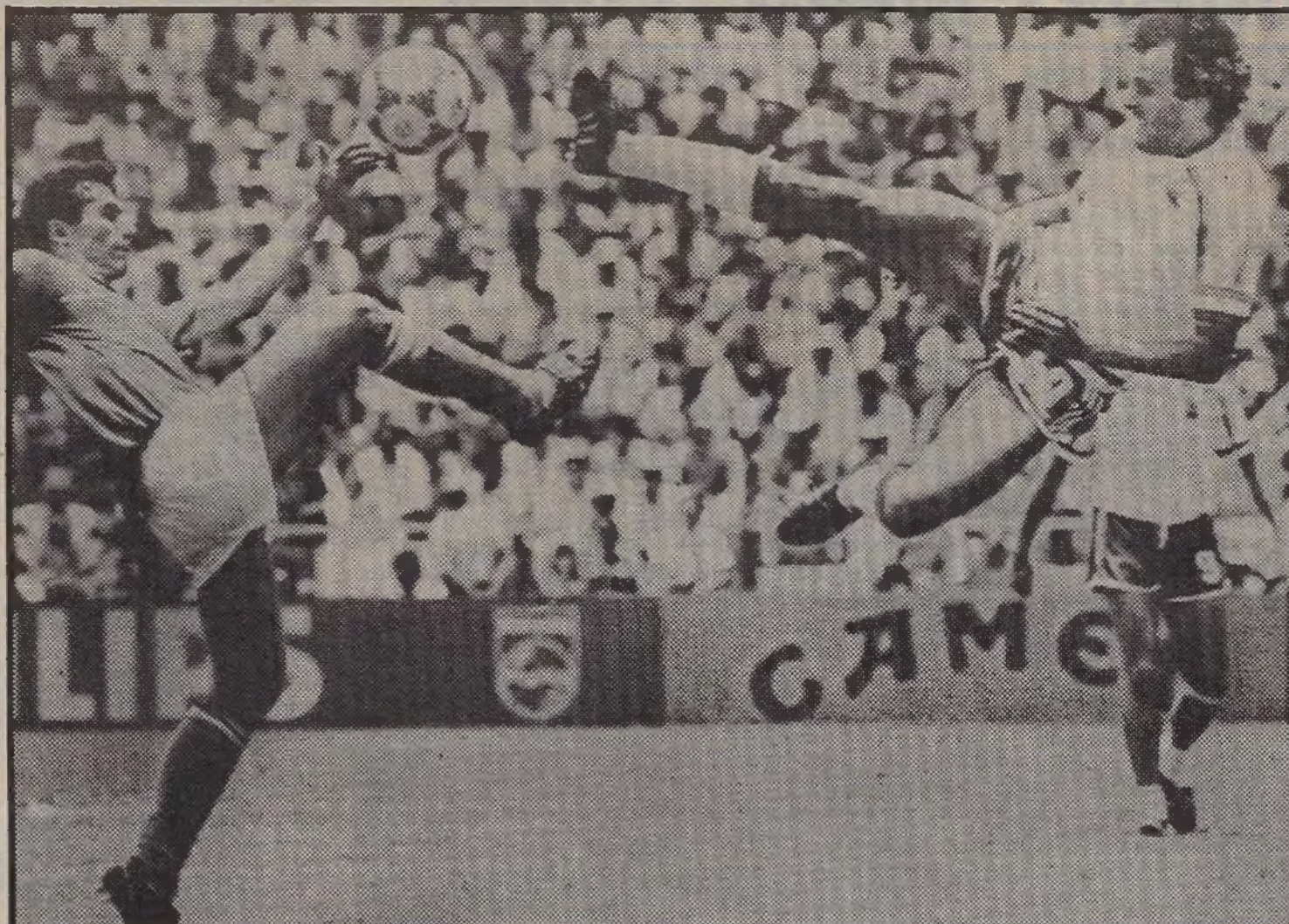
This would also eliminate the ridiculous "best third placed" teams qualifying or for that matter teams with two points, like Uruguay and Bulgaria, who on performances really didn't deserve to advance to last sixteen status.

Still on the earlier round robin set up I would like to see three points awarded for a win, one for a draw and none for a loss. This would obviously be to overcome some of those boring stalemate matches of the early rounds where teams are happy with a draw or even a one goal loss.

And finally FIFA has to find a solution to its totally unsatisfactory method of deciding drawn games.

We have all been sickened by the "penalty shootout" sudden death finish to vital matches.

Understanding FIFA's problem with match schedules, televi-



WORLD CUP ACTION: MICHEL PLATINI flies high in attack against the Soviets.

sion rights and commitments, travel arrangements and so on (with the exception of the final) why matches cannot be replayed.

However the penalty shootout decider can be improved on.

The lottery way its done at the moment, where all the goalkeepers move before the ball is kicked anyhow and all kicks should be retaken, is unfair to say the least.

In this respect FIFA has alternatives open to it.

Some friends have suggested a corner kick count throughout the entire match to decide drawn extra time matches.

Their assumption being that the team which won the most corners had the better of the play.

Others say a yellow card count for the match will ensure cleaner football.

Both have some merit, but neither convinces me this is the way to go.

If FIFA insists with the penalty sudden death idea I would like to see the American style shootout replace

the traditional Soccer penalty shootout.

The American style shootout — the attacker has five seconds to score from thirty yards out from goal, where he can dribble, shoot, chip or round the keeper and where the goalkeeper can move off his line — is much more like a match situation and is not open to the lottery element which exists under the penalty set up.

But even the American shoot out is unsatisfactory.

For me the only way FIFA can award the most deserving team a "win" in extra time drawn match situation, is on a count back system.

In other words the team with the better record in the current World Cup goes through.

The team which has proved itself the better over the entire tournament deserves the right to advance.

So in the case of the quarter final matches in Mexico the penalty, lot-

tery shootouts between Spain-Belgium, France-Brazil and West Germany-Mexico would have been decided by the participant's performance in previous matches.

Spain (six points, second group place, 10 goals against 3) deserved to be in the next round over Belgium (third group place, with 5 points and 9 goals for and 8 against).

Brazil too would have advanced under this system over France — Brazil (first group place, 8 points and 9 goals against zero) to France's second group place, 7

points and 6 goals against one while Mexico first group place, 6 goals against two and 7 points would have advanced over West Germany's second place, 5 points and 4 goals against four.

The other important aspect of deciding drawn games this way would be that teams HAVE to play to their best in the earlier rounds instead of playing for "favourable" results.

Many will disagree with this method but to me it is significantly fairer than penalties and does reward the team which has performed better in the World Cup.



JOHNNY WARREN farewells the Mexican World Cup

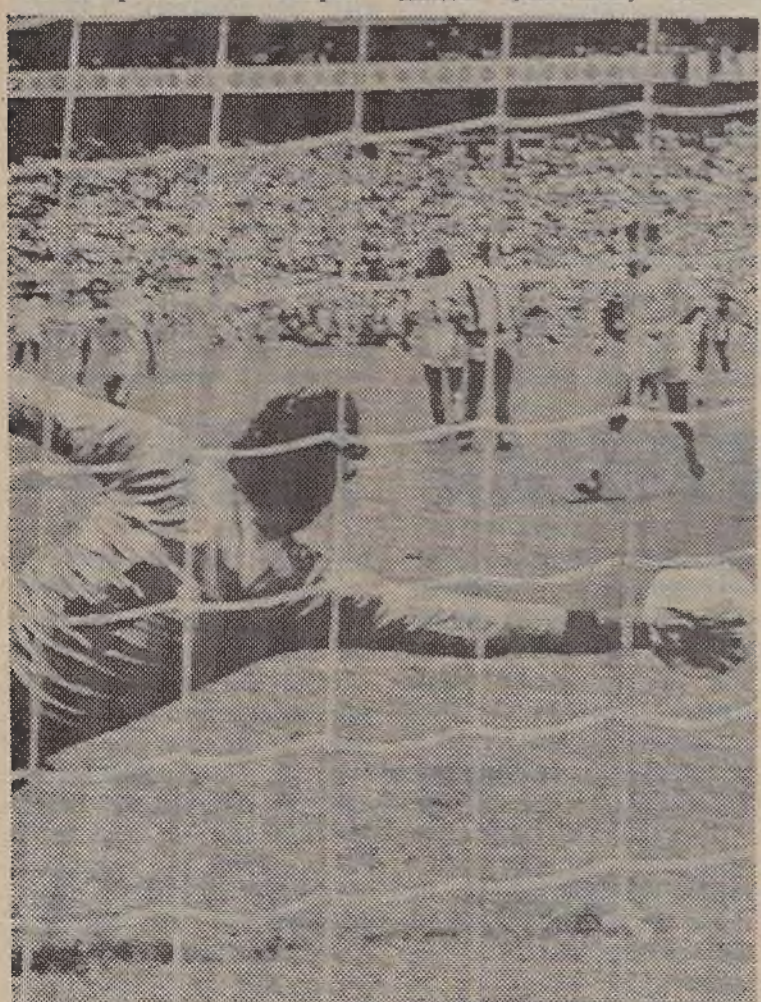


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WORLD CUP ACTION: ROBERTO 'The Cat' FERNANDEZ saves a penalty from Hugo Sanchez of Mexico.

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OLYMPIC AIRWAYS SOCCER LEAGUE ROUND UP

MARCONI BELOW THEIR BEST IN TORRID CONFRONTATION

EVEN though they were much below their usual standard Marconi did well to overcome a rugged Wollongong City by the one goal of the match at Marconi Stadium.

Rod Brown's superb header from a Peter Tredinnick free-kick six minutes from full-time secured the points for the Fairfielders.

The first half was a hard and dour affair with the Wolves defending in numbers in an attempt to stifle the attack of the home side.

With the entire match being of a physical nature, inevitably there were to be some victims of the wild tackles.

Wollongong's mid-field orchestrator Saul Rivero was stretched off the field after being clobbered from behind.

He was later admitted

BY FRANK COLETTA

to hospital with ankle and back injuries after coming into the game with hamstring trouble.

Marconi's new dynamo, Osvaldo El'Ali came in for a terrible amount of stick and was left on the ground writhing in pain on more than one occasion.

In the first half he was off the field receiving attention for several minutes after one wild challenge and was also left hobbling during the last five minutes of the match after a crude foul.

Despite all the fouls the match never really got out of hand and on occasions there was more fire on the terraces than on the field of play.

Marconi's biggest problem in this match was once again their finishing, moreover the lack of it.

Time and again they were able to open up the packed Wolves defence but the vital goalscoring touch was lacking.

Marconi's diminutive striker David Lowe added some light relief to a tension packed atmosphere when he cheekily headed the ball when goalkeeper Warwick Young had possession of it and was ready to distribute it from his arca.

Young was in fact instrumental in keeping his side in the game as he continually denied the Marconi attackers albeit with more than his share of luck.

Even though El'Ali bore the brunt of attention from the Wollongong defence he was still the shining light in the Marconi side.

Eighteen minutes into the second half Marconi were denied what seemed an obvious penalty when Young spilt a cross from the right and blatantly up-ended Peter Tredinnick as he pursued the ball across the area but referee Graham Warne waved play on.

But Tredinnick got his just desserts when he laid on the winning goal in the 84th minute.

David Lowe was bun-

dled over by an Wolves' captain Ray Vlietstra on the right. Tredinnick sent over the free-kick and Rod Brown rose high to nod the ball past the helpless Warwick Young.

Craig Mason, Robbie Wheatley and Tony Henderson were all also in fine touch for Marconi whilst apart from Young in the Wollongong side, Peter Kotamanidis and David Green tried hard.

MARCONI: James, Carter (Janin 65), Henderson, Sterrey, Wheatley, Mason, Gray (Jankovics 65), Lowe, Brown, Tredinnick, El'Ali.

WOLLONGONG: Young, Green, Morlando, Chilly, Vlietstra, Rivero (Stefanovski 78), Giraldi, Kotamanidis, Gaffney, Brodnik (Batten 73), Arcosa. Crowd: 1672 Referee: G. Warne



DAVID LOWE, in great form

ADELAIDE HELLAS' CONFIDENCE DEFLATED

PUNTERS backing the law of averages would have cleaned up on Sunday when Adelaide Hellas recorded its first draw of the season in the 12th round when they were held 1-1 by Brisbane City in a Southern Division relegation battle.

BY TOM MCKAIN

After a 4-2 win in Queensland earlier in the season Hellas took the field oozing confidence and determined to boost their goal difference.

They charged and the visitors were in all sorts of trouble - but the ball failed to go in the net.

That is until the 62nd minute and it took a penalty to do it.

And it was justice that Hellas' George Konstandopoulos was the man who was brought down and his fellow front runner Gary Ward was the player to slot the ball past the acrobatic Rob Harrison in the Brisbane goal.

The home fans sat back and waited for the avalanche which never came.

Konstandopoulos, who had upset the visitors with brave runs into their area had to come off with a recurring ankle injury in the 74th minute and four minutes later disaster struck the home side.

Garry Bromfield, one of the Brisbane stars in midfield, crossed from the left and attacking defender Frank Mengotti was there on the right to out-jump the giant home defender and nod the ball down and into the net.

His header had beaten two Socceroos - Robbie Dunn and Charlie Yankos - and two former Australian players in Graham Honeyman and goalkeeper Martyn Crook.

Hellas stormed back, but when they did get through Harrison was there or there was some great defensive work by veteran Steve Perry and Mengotti.

The first half had seen Konstandopoulos,



Charlie Yankos

Ward, and Mike Genikas threatening the Brisbane goal.

At the other end the Brisbane team relied on breakaways with Kieran Cooper, Alan Reis and Luciano Fabrizio carrying the threat, and prompted by Bromfield who was the visitor's man of the match.

It was an expensive draw for Hellas, the 1978 champions, who remain in 9th place but now 4 points out of the top seven for promotion to the Super League next season.

HELLAS: Crook, Brown, Yankos, Dunn, Honeyman, Manou, Panagis, Hristodoulou, Konstandopoulos (74 Papadopoulos), Genikas, Ward.

BRISBANE CITY: Harrison, Bromfield, Perry, Mengotti, Fabrizio, Cooper, Reis, Caird, Vasquez, Guglielmino, Catalano (54 Lettieri), (67 Archer).

REFEREE: D Campbell. SA. CROWD: 2515. Konstandopoulos 3, Perry 2, Harrison 1.

The Editor

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY

HAIL Argentina, the new world champions!

After four weeks of competition, controversy and censure, FIFA has finally emerged with the winner of the 1986 World Cup.

Worthy indeed are Argentina, as their success is the culmination of four years hard work, moments of joy and moments of despair.

It is also a big victory for flair and exciting, attacking football over tactics based on defence.

The FIFA World Cup encompasses the world as no other tournament with the exception of the Olympic Games.

Television viewing figures have been estimated at 12 billion, twenty percent more than Spain four years ago and the final had an estimated 500 million viewers in 108 countries.

Before the series started, FIFA had banked at least \$US50 million from television rights and another \$US12 million from each of 12 different sponsors.

The tournament had everything for magnificent television - goals allowed, goals disallowed, penalty shoot outs and for the majority of matches, an absorbing interest to the final whistle.

Refereeing could have been better and players could have controlled their tempers more even though they were under immense pressure. It's not good enough to commit professional and crude fouls just because the opposing player or team is better.

Mexico set out to prove a point to the world with its organisation, grounds and support for Mundial 86 and finished with a creditable performance after some early problems.

West Germany, with Kaiser Franz Beckenbauer at the helm, surprised everyone with its performance and nearly pulled off a remarkable run.

But the honours definitely go to the magical Maradona and his colleagues.

Football around the world is the biggest winner because of Argentina's display.

Congratulations Argentina - champions of the world!

TWO BIG MISSES AT BLACKTOWN

TWO big misses cost Canberra City at least a point when they went down 2-1 to Blacktown City at the Gabbie Stadium.

BY KETH GILMOUR

The first was ace goalkeeper Tony Franken, whose absence due to a calf muscle injury deprived them of probably the best goalkeeper in the Northern Division of the National Soccer League.

The second miss arrived in the 52nd minute when Canberra's Ian Gibson blasted his penalty kick onto the base of the upright.

In one respect Blacktown might be said to have done enough to deserve a win.

They were two goals to the good by the 41st minute but after that they seemed more determined to retreat into their shells and pass the initiative over to the visitors.

Although Peter Burke sorely tested David Curtis with an early header, Blacktown made the early chances only to break down in the final strike with both Joe Car-

roll and Peter Denyer the culprits.

It was a Gary Byrne rightwing corner kick in the 26th minute that gave Jeff Ainsworth the chance to thump the ball hard and true but it was Brett Thornthwaite who followed up to tip it over the line.

Thornthwaite's name was duly entered in referee Terry Seacy's little black book.

The piece de resistance was the juggling act performed by Canberra's attacking midfielder Augusto Palacios in the right hand corner.

He finally delivered a long probing cross only to see Gibson's header well held by Curtis.

It was young Thornthwaite who netted his second goal of the game and his 11th in league and cup games this season in the 41st minute.

Not a bad way of course to celebrate one's 21st birthday.

A corner came from Byrne on the left and flew past goalkeeper George Economopoulos' hands for Thornthwaite to nod it home.

In the 52nd minute Denyer downed Palacios and Gibson missed from the spot.

With 12 minutes remaining Gibson holed Blacktown's defence with a real defence splitter. Hilton Phillips scored with Jim Hamilton waiting to get into the act if he had failed.

BLACKTOWN: Curtis, Willis, Knight, Ainsworth, Denyer, Byrne, Kay, Sandy, Slater (Brackley 60), Carroll, Thornthwaite.

CANBERRA CITY: Economopoulos, Carr, Burke, Byrne, Dunn, Sermann, Palacios, Hamilton (Junna 61), Gibson, Phillips, Bryant.

REFEREE: T Seacy. CROWD: 780.

REFEREE UPSETS SAINTS WITH NO GOAL RULING

BY RAY GATT of the Sydney Morning Herald.

REFEREES were not St George coach Frank Arok's favourite subject after the Saints had been held to a 0-0 draw with Olympic Airways Soccer League front runners Sydney Croatia at Barton Park.

"What can I say," Arok said as he looked up to the heavens as if for some divine guidance.

"I have, for the last four or five years, never criticised a referee, but I feel I must now say something."

Arok was referring to a controversial incident in the 50th minute which almost certainly cost his team a goal — and two valuable competition points.

Saints' industrious right-back "scored" what appeared a legitimate goal after knocking in a rasping 30 metre drive into the far left hand corner of the Croatia net.

But, as the St George

players were celebrating what they thought was a tremendous goal, they were oblivious to the linesman's flag waving for an offside decision.

Referee Richard Lorenc nullified the goal and awarded a free-kick much to the consternation of the St George players and officials.

"That was an unbearable decision," Arok lamented, "Clubs are subject to relegation, so why not referees?"

"Even if there was an offside player, I cannot see how he would have been interfering with the play."

"Afterall, the shot came from 30 metres out and it hit the top left corner and nothing could have stopped it."

One can sympathise with Arok and his players because, when it is all boiled down, they deserved to come away with the game with the two points instead of one.

"Did they have a shot at all," asked David Ratcliffe, who is the lifeblood of his side.

"We outplayed them and deserved to win the match. It is soul destroying when a refereeing decision goes against you like that."

St George have obviously put aside the 7-0 loss to Sydney City several weeks ago and have bounced back to be a top five contender again.

They played some superb football on Sunday and showed some creativity which certainly deserved more than a point.

Saints, with young Scott Ollerenshaw, leading the way created several ideal scoring chances and could have put away a couple of them.

On the other hand,

Croatia seemed to lack something in the middle of the field and they were really blocked out in the second half by the resilient St George defence.

Only Manis Lamond, who always looked dangerous on the ball, and Graham Arnold looked like doing anything for Croatia.

Arnold had his moments in the first half playing all over the ground mainly as a deep-lying midfielder. He was switched to an out and out attacker in the second half but failed to get good service from his midfielder.

For St George Ratcliffe, Skeen, Stuart Porter and Ollerenshaw stood out while Lamond, Arnold and Wally Savor had strong games for Croatia.

ST GEORGE: Gibson: Skeen, Ratcliffe, Mike O'Shea, Robbie O'Shea: Porter, John O'Shea, Riccio: Ollerenshaw, Fletcher, Cotton.

CROATIA: Watson: Jennings, Rozic, Rumora, Savor: Odzakovic, Clinch, Reza, Arnold: Dragovic (Kovacic), Lamond (Petkovic).

REFEREE: Richard Lorenc. CROWD: 4115



Frank Arok (left) and his reliable fullback David Skeen in happier times.

LIONS STRIKERS IGNORE GIFT GOAL CHANCES

BRISBANE Lion's hopes of NSL survival are being eroded as the club's strikers continued to miss gift goal scoring opportunities.

For the second consecutive week, Lions threw away valuable points there for the taking.

Lions drew 1-1 with Preston at Richlands, but even the most neutral of observers would concede Lions should have won by three.

Last week Lions had a golden opportunity to go to an early lead against Heidelberg but an open goal was missed and the Brisbane team subsequently went down 0-2.

Although the blame has to be accepted by the team as a whole, Socceroo hopeful Danny Wright was the worst offender last Sunday.

Although brilliant on the ball and appearing dangerous as he weaved through the Preston defence, Wright continually was wanting on the final goalwards push.

Lions coach Col Bennett, one of Wright's biggest fans, confessed afterwards: "There's some things I have got to tell Dan and he's not going to like it."

Wright was not the shadow of the player he was in the pre-season when he was knocking in goals from all angles. Bennett suspects the pressure of trying to

make the National Squad is affecting his star striker's game.

"He seems to be tensing up in front of goals. If he relaxed maybe he would start finding the net," Bennett said.

Despite a glut of opportunities, Lions goal came courtesy of Preston's defender Ian Dobson. Then late in the game Lions repaid the favour by virtually giving Preston their equaliser.

The Preston own goal came just three minutes into the game, when Dobson under pressure from Wright back passed wide of Phillip Traianedes and into his net. It was a dream start for the Brisbane side and the confidence in their game showed as they relentlessly pushed forward.

With Russell Stewart playing his best game in years, Preston could not compete in midfield. The former Young Socceroo sprayed passes in all directions to give his forwards every chance of scoring.

Furthermore Preston were hesitant and often ineffective in defence and it seemed only a matter of time before another Lions goal would follow.

But it was not to be and the near misses and saves became a monotonous pattern.

Wright, John Stewart, Jim Morton and John Ogden were among those so close yet so far.

Twice in the second half Traianedes was rounded. Twice the ball rolled in front of the goal mouth only to be cleared by a defender.

The farce continued and ultimately led to the Lions conceding the equaliser.

The events started with a determined John Stewart run down the right. He beat his defender, rounded the advancing Traianedes then squared across the goal.

But with no-one in support Preston regained possession and launched an attack down the opposite side of the field.

Substitute Gary van Egmond put over a harmless cross which was covered by Lions keeper Rob Farrow who was advancing to the edge of his box to take the catch. Despite Farrow's call he crashed into team mate Richard Bassingthwaite and the ball fell for Preston's Graham Heys to knock into an open goal.

The Melbourne side had got out of goal and even went close to snaring a winner when a last minute Steve Smith header was steered over the cross bar.

For Lions, the worries go on. Melbourne referee Stuart Mellings, an unusual appointment considering the request of Melbourne teams for neutral referees when they play in Brisbane, handed out five yellow cards in a fine game with the whistle.

But one of the recipients was Lions full back Steve Jackson who will now miss next week at a time when the clubs' cupboard is almost bare of extra defenders.

LIONS: Farrow, Bassingthwaite, Liddell, Armit, Jackson, R Stewart, J Stewart, Ogden, Richardson, Wright, Morton (McGregor 70).

PRESTON: Traianedes, Opatnis, Roodhouse, Dobson, Woodall, Heys, Smith, Cole (Petrov 57), Lane, McLennan, Necovic (van Egmond 75).

REFEREE: S Mellings. CROWD: 1282.



Danny Wright. He can expect a blast from coach Col Bennett after his performance last Sunday.

NSL RESULTS

NORTHERN DIVISION

BLACKTOWN 2 (B Thomthwaite 2) CANBERRA 1 (H Phillips) at Toongabbie. Crowd: 760.

ST GEORGE 0 drew with SYDNEY CROATIA 0 at St George Stadium. Crowd: 4115.

MONARO 1 (A Carbone) drew with LEICHHARDT 1 (J Baran) at Seiffert Oval. Crowd: 364.

CANTERBURY 1 (S Hantzis) drew with SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (G Phillips) at Sydney Athletic Field. Crowd: 6650.

MARCONI 1 (R Brown) WOLLONGONG 0 at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 1672.

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD 5 (M Jones 2, S Ingham 2, J Cavanah) SYDNEY CITY 1 (J Kosmina) at Adamstown Oval. Crowd: 1000.

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sydney Olympic	5	7	—	24	12	17
Sydney Croatia	7	3	2	20	8	17
Marconi	6	3	3	19	13	15
Wollongong	5	4	3	12	8	14
Newcastle	4	5	3	20	18	13
Blacktown City	5	3	4	15	17	13
Sydney City	3	6	3	23	18	12
St George	4	4	4	15	19	12
Leichhardt	3	5	4	14	17	11
Canberra	2	4	6	10	15	8
Canterbury	2	4	6	14	20	8
Monaro	1	2	9	7	28	4

SOUTHERN DIVISION

ADELAIDE HELLAS 1 (G Ward) drew with BRISBANE CITY 1 (F Mengotti) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 2500.

BRUNSWICK 2 (E Campbell, B Brown) drew with MELBOURNE CROATIA 2 (P Lewis, J Biskic) at Olympic Park. Crowd: 1862.

FOOTSCRAY 1 (V Stolic) ADELAIDE CITY 0 at Schintler Reserve. Crowd: 3824.

SUNSHINE 1 (R Bain) GREEN GULLY 0 at Green Gully Reserve. Crowd: 1400.

BRISBANE LIONS 1 (I Dobson og) drew with PRESTON 1 (G Hays) at Richlands Stadium. Crowd: 1282.

HEIDELBERG 3 (N Deligiannis, D Selemidis, P Wilson) SOUTH MELBOURNE 2 (G McDowell, S Stevenson) at Heidelberg. Crowd: 8250.

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Footscray	9	1	2	19	16	19
Brunswick	6	4	2	20	6	16
Adelaide City	5	5	2	18	10	15
S'Shine	4	6	2	13	10	14
H'berg	5	4	3	16	15	14
South Melbourne	6	1	5	18	12	13
Preston	4	5	3	14	9	13
Brisbane Lions	3	3	6	12	13	9
Adelaide Hellas	4	1	7	12	18	9
Brisbane City	2	5	5	13	26	9
Melbourne Croatia	2	4	6	10	17	8
Green Gully	1	3	8	7	20	5

APIA LIVID OVER REFEREE

BY GRAHAM COOKE

A CONTROVERSIAL second half penalty gave Inter-Monaro a rare point against Apia-Leichhardt at Seiffert Oval — and sparked a stinging attack by the visitors on Canberra referee Neil Murray.

With Monaro trailing 1-nil 23 minutes into the second half Apia stopper Arno Bertogna and Monaro striker Marko Perinovic challenged for the ball in the Apia penalty area.

Perinovic came off worst and Murray, ignoring protests that it had been a fair challenge, pointed to the spot.

"I have no doubts about the penalty — the Apia player barrelled into the man," Murray said afterwards.

Not so, according to Bertogna and Apia coach Rale Rasic.

After claiming it was a fair challenge Rasic said that home town Canberra referees were ruining the NSL.

"If I had to sit through refereeing performances like that every week I would go over to rugby league" the former Socceroo coach said.

Apia goalkeeper Tony Pezzano judged Attilio Carbone's kick well and actually had the ball in his hands for an instant before it dropped out and into the net.

Then, with time running out, substitute Allan Turnbull challenged Monaro goalkeeper Steve Hoszowski for the ball but headed over.

Murray waved aside Apia claims that Turnbull had been pushed.

"Of course we hit each other" Hoszowski said afterwards. "We were both going for the ball — but there was no foul". The off field passions were generated by one of the more boring matches seen at Seiffert Oval this season.

There was one highlight — a gem of a goal in the first half from Apia. With 23 minutes gone Janusz Baran burst down the right, gave the slip to Mick Tuilawa and cracked a beautiful shot into the corner of the net, just beyond the reach of the diving Hoszowski.

Monaro's best chance — if it could be called that — came when Perinovic chased a ball in, but Pezzano was there first.

Apart from that the main diversion for the small crowd was counting the yellow cards — Bertogna, Darren Stewart and Vic Bozanic for Apia, Angelo Ambrosino and John Walsh for Monaro.

INTER-MONARO: Hoszowski, Tuilawa, Williams, Budini, Titilas, Djordjeski (Brennan 53), Carbone, Ambrosino, Walsh, Perinovic, D'Addario (Wotherspoon 64).

APIA: Pezzano, Bozanic, Bertogna, Brown, Hristovski, Bundalo, Stewart, Baran (Turnbull 67), Butler, Lorens, Parison.

Referee: Neil Murray. Crowd: 363.

OLYMPIC AIRWAYS SOCCER LEAGUE ROUND UP

ABSORBING FIGHT FADES INTO BORING DRAW

In a tense struggle at Olympic Park Brunswick Juventus and Melbourne Croatia shared the points in a 2-2 draw.

The match had promised so much and was evenly poised at the 55th minute but from then on both teams adopted negative tactics and the last half hour of this encounter provided little in the way of goalmouth action.

Both teams began in an aggressive style and even early it was apparent that the struggling Croatia were not going to be overwhelmed by second placed Juventus and were keen to put up a good show.

The Croatian side suffered a set back however, at the 8th minute when Juve fullback Eddie Campbell scored what can only be described as a freak goal.

He took possession of the ball just over the halfway line and drove it towards Croatia's goal, catching keeper Runje flatfooted. His scoring shot stunned the Croatian supporters but delighted the Juventus counterparts.

In the 26th minute

Juve sweeper John Yzendoorn had his header cleared off the line by Croatia full back Tony Curcio and this important save was really vital because it kept Croatia very much in the game.

Just six minutes later Croatia were again let off the hook when Cullen raced towards goal only to be foiled by some brave work from Runje who was determined now to erase his earlier mistake.

Then in a counter-attack which caught Juve off guard, forward Robert Markovac was allowed to run 30 metres and cross the ball, where he found Paul Lewis who made no mistake from four metres to equalise for Croatia.

It was Juve's turn to find something now and it came via Joe Palatides who took on two Croatia defenders in the penalty box. But they in turn sandwiched him forcing the referee to award a spot kick.

Captain Brian Brown easily converted to give



BY CARLO DEL PORTO

Juve an important 2-1 break at half time.

The second half began quietly but livened in the 55th minute when Paul Lewis and Josip Biskic combined brilliantly to provide the latter with a clear chance to beat Juve keeper Yakka Banovic. He made no mistake with his attempt to put his team back on equal terms.

Everything was possible at this stage and the game had so far witnessed five clear scoring opportunities leading to four goals. Consequently neither team could afford to make a mistake for fear of being punished with the deciding goal.

Both defences adopted safety first tactics and while not appreciated by the crowd, neither side could really be blamed as a point could be valuable for Juve's championship chances and for Croatia's battle to finish the season in a creditable position.

JUVE: Banovic, Vesnaver, Brown, Yzendoorn, Campbell, Petersen, Wade, Cullen, Patterson, Palatides, Sweeney (Incantupo), Montemurlo.

MELBOURNE: Runje, Curcio (Palajic), Hannah, Michroch, Redmond, Christallo, Blake, Bonacic Lewis, Campbell, Markovac, Gogovic.

Heidelberg 3
South Melbourne 2

AT Olympic Village an 8,000 strong crowd witnessed the all Greek derby between Heidelberg and South Melbourne and were rewarded with a five goal epic which finally went Heidelberg's way.

Deligiannis opened the scoring for Heidelberg in the 29th minute but six minutes later Hellas sweeper McDowell equalised. In the 37th minute Heidelberg keeper Jeff Olver had to be carried off on a stretcher with a shoulder injury after a heavy clash with Richard Miranda of Hellas and Katsakidis took his place in goal.

An enthralling second half saw Theo Selemidis give Heidelberg the lead in the 78th minute only to see it taken away again this time by new signing from Sydney Olympic Stuart Stevenson in the 83rd minute. Seconds into extra time Heidelberg forward Paul Wilson shocked the crowd who had started to leave with the deciding goal to give Heidelberg victory.

HEIDELBERG: Olver (Valentina), McKie, Katsakidis, Hunter, Selemidis, Marley, Lucchesi, Kanakoulis, Tsolakis, Wilson, Deligiannis.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumeta, Russell, Postecoglou, Blair, McDowell, Murphy (Stevenson), Miranda, Halford, Montalides, Crainie, Davidson.

Footscray 1
Adelaide City 0

FORTUNE seems to be on the side of Footscray just as they again put up an unimpressive display this time against Adelaide City but importantly gained the win through a 39th minute goal from skillful midfielder Stosic.

In the second half Adelaide City created all the chances and indeed failed to convert a penalty opportunity when Villani's spot kick was saved by keeper Nikitovic. This save helped Footscray to take a 3 point lead in the Southern Division table.

FOOTSCRAY: Nikitovic, Petrovski, Karic, Vukovic, Belic, Tapal, Stosic, Latif, Lujic, Curovic (Barkic), Spink.

ADELAIDE CITY: Nicolson, Higgins, Tobin, Nyakohus, Melita, Sentrac, Villani, Mullen, Maxwell (Wilde), Vidmer, Shillabeer.

Green Gully 0
Sunshine George Cross 1

SUNSHINE goalkeeper Sean Keogh was the hero in their clash with bottom placed Green Gully.

Gully who were being coached for the first time by new boss Gus McLeod put up a fierce display in the second half of this game but failed to get on the score board.

Bain had put Cross in the lead after just 15 minutes but from then on Keogh was the star attraction. In the 48th minute he fouled Gully forward Danny Ward and then went on to save Fraser's penalty attempt to keep Sunshine 1-0 ahead.

Fifteen minutes later after a handball in Sunshine's penalty box Keogh again saved this time from a George Campbell penalty kick and remarkably parried the rebound from Ward.

GREEN GULLY: Denys, Hogman, Douglas, Fraser, Cannell, Campbell, Carter, Ward, Cumming, McClelland, Barachello (Theodoropoulos).

SUNSHINE: Keogh, Campbell, Parton, James, Richardson, Faulkner, McLaren, Gilder, Bain, Markovsk (Innes) Lennon.



Alex McPherson sent off against Newcastle last weekend.

HUMILIATION FOR SLICKERS

BY DAVE WILLIAMS

NEWCASTLE Rosebud United's 5-1 thrashing of Sydney City at the Adamstown Sportsground last Saturday must cast serious doubts over the Slickers' prospects of being a championship contender.

Goalkeeper Alex McPherson took most of the blame for the heavy defeat. He failed to cover the near post to prevent John Cavanah's shot from the left side of the penalty area in the 11th minute and fumbled Bobby Naumov's first time volley, allowing Mark Jones to score from close range in the 56th minute.

But coach Eddie Thomson must have been disturbed by his central defenders' slackness that left McPherson a lone figure to deal with Rosebuds' rampaging strikers, Sean Ingham and Jones.

From such incidents, McPherson suffered the final indignity of being sent off seven minutes from full time for his desperate charge on Naumov just outside the penalty area. He had previously received a yellow card for pushing Jones.

Gerry Gomez then took over in the Sydney City goal.

Referee Manny Loupis stamped his authority on the game from the start and his string of free kicks awarded against John Kosmina early in the first half contributed to the Socceroo skipper's mediocre display.

There was little to enthuse about until the 37th minute when Loupis gave Rosebuds a free kick 25 metres from the Sydney City goal line.

From a set move involving Naumov, Ross Milosevic and Cavanah, the latter blasted Rosebuds' first goal.

Early in the second

half, Joe Watson set up a chance that Murray Barnes headed over the cross bar and Jean Paul de Marigny gave Frank Farina a similar opportunity but the ball flew wide of the goal.

But it was Rosebuds, in the 56th minute who struck again.

Sean Ingham centred from the left and Naumov's shot from the inside penalty area caused McPherson's second error for Jones to score from the dropped ball.

Sydney City received a penalty kick in the 67th minute when Abbas Saad, who had replaced de Marigny, was fouled.

Gosling brilliantly saved Kosmina's powerful drive. But the referee ordered the kick to be retaken, deciding that Gosling had moved too early and Kosmina made no mistake with the second attempt.

However, within a minute, Ingham had restored Rosebuds' two goal margin and two minutes later, a superb header by Jones from Naumov's cross had made it 4-1.

By then, Sydney City was completely demoralised and, in the 80th, Ralph Maier combined with Cavanah to engineer Ingham's second goal and complete Sydney City's humiliation.

NEWCASTLE: Gosling, Maier, Jones, Garland, Bannan, Naumov (S Heep 87), Owen, Cavanah, Crabtree, Ingham, Milosevic.

SYDNEY CITY: McPherson, Robertson, O'Connor, de Marigny (Saad 61), Watson, Barnes, Gomez, Farina, Kosmina, Lee, McCulloch.

REFEREE: Manny Loupis. CROWD: 1651.

BERRIES UNLUCKY NOT TO SNARE SHOCK WIN

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

CANTERBURY MARRICKVILLE OLYMPIC, could consider themselves unlucky not to gain a victory instead of their 1-1 draw against Sydney Olympic at the Sydney Athletic Field.

The first half saw Canterbury defend magnificently against the more illustrious and experienced Sydney Olympic, who did most of the attacking.

Canterbury's midfield quartet of Zaimi, Svinos, Zrilic and Godzik pegged down most of Olympic's forward exploits.

The powerful Arthur Svinos, a former Sydney Olympic player, in particular was outstanding in this department.

Olympic's robust and most versatile midfielder, Gary Phillips was the first to launch a serious assault on Canterbury. In the 10th minute he fired an 18 metre rocket hit but Canterbury's former World Youth Championship goalkeeper Chris Hummel did well to tip the shot over his woodwork for a corner.

Six minutes later Phillips did score. Canterbury's centre-back, George Haniotis fouled Olympic's South American midfielder Vicente Estavillio inside the box for referee Gary Power to award a somewhat generous penalty.

Phillips rifled in his

spot-shot in a casual "Socrates" manner to put the visitors ahead.

But Canterbury did not drop their heads. Instead they fought for every ball to deny Olympic's strike-line of Stuart Johnston and Marshall Soper chances at their target.

Dom Kapetanovic, Canterbury's coach, was ordered from the bench by Power in the 20th minute for yelling out instructions to his players. Kapetanovic said after the match: "Mr Power misunderstood me. I have never been humiliated or reprimanded like this before in all my life."

Just 60 seconds before "drinks", Canterbury were rewarded for their industrious efforts in the first session.

From a free-kick some 26 metres out on an angle to the right, Canterbury's left-back skipper Spyros Hantzis drove a spectacular shot into the top left corner of Olympic's net to "balance the books".

The second session opened with Olympic taking off young left-back Emmanuel Spanoudakis and bringing on striker, Terry Patalis.

Phillips was switched to left-back and Patalis went up front with Johnston dropping back into the links.

The 49th minute almost saw Canterbury go ahead through Hantzis raiding down the left flank. He hooked a short ball over the top of the defence but Olympic's captain Peter Ras-kopoulos cleared off the line.

By now Canterbury was taking a full grip on the match and were sending men forward. Nelio Borges in the 66th minute attacked strongly down the middle to unleash a thunderous 20 metre drive that crashed onto the inside edge of Olympic's right post.

The 70th minute saw Canterbury come again. This time flanker Rene Licata whipped in a perfect cross which saw Borges head strongly past Olympic's veteran, giant goalkeeper, Gary Meier.

But the reliable Meier, diving backwards, snatched the definite chance behind him to save Olympic a League point and maintain their unbeaten run.

Phillips pushed up the left for Olympic and fired a tremendous 18 metre drive that was aimed at the top right corner. But Hummel, diving sharply to his left, got a left glove to

the drive to knock the ball onto his left post and out for a corner.

Olympic, on the ropes now, made a second change and ripped off Soper to bring on Simon Brandt.

With four minutes remaining on the clock Patalis tried a "Zibby Boniek" from the edge of the box and in front. But although the overhead scissors had power and direction, Hummel easily snapped up the unorthodoxly hit danger.

Canterbury's best performers were Svinos, Hummel, Zrilic and little right-back, Georgie Akoutas, whilst Olympic's stars were the ever-reliable English pair, centre-back, Mike Coady and right-back, Martyn Rogers, plus Gary Phillips and Gary Meier.

After the match, Canterbury's coach, Kapetanovic, jubilantly joked: "We showed today that we can play football. The penalty was harsh and Olympic despite their greater experience over us were a little lucky on the day."

CANTERBURY: Hummel: Akoutas, Haniotis, Radman, Hantzis: Zaimi, Svinos, Zrilic, Godzik: Licata, Borges (Jebraal 89).

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier: Rogers, Coady, Dakos, Spanoudakis (Patalis 48th): Phillips, Ras-kopoulos, Estavillio, Katholios: Johnston, Soper (Brandt 78th).

Referee: G. Power. Crowd: 8,850.



CHIT CHAT — Behind the scene at your club

FORMER Brisbane Lions player Alan Hunter returned to Brisbane last week and didn't forget where it all started. He visited friends at his very first club Acacia Ridge and brought with him fellow Heidelberg player and Socceroo Jeff Oliver. The gesture was much appreciated by the Ridge supporters.

"WILL Frank Arok ever get it right?" Is the question Brisbane asks. Independent sources tell us at the recent Socceroo training camp in Melbourne Frank called John Stewart of Lions by his brother Russell's name and vice versa. You may remember two years ago Russell got named in an Australian squad and John got the letter advising him of his selection. For the record... Russell is the younger one, by five years in fact.

LEN QUESTED, one of the greatest Soccer footballers to come to this country, can often be seen calling in at the Auburn Soccer Club.

Now just over 60, within the last year Len had to have a cartilage removed. Shades of those glorious football playing days!

ASW was very sorry to hear that full-back Jay O'Rourke suffered serious injury in a recent car smash. He has been playing in the NSW State League with Warringah-Freshwater, and it seems that his playing career is certainly over.

REFEREE Bob Davies is quite at home 'policing' the centre of the field in NSL matches. By profession Bob is an officer of the law, who lives in the blossoming centre of Wyong on the NSW Central Coast.

FORMER Auburn Soccer Club president Ron Bowman, whose son David is a State League player with Warringah, is now a resident of Castle Hill. It is a very easy job to wander over to the Gabbie Stadium to keep a friendly eye on the doings of the Blacktown City Demons.

TONY BRENNAN, resident of Canberra but on Blacktown City's books, has not been able to settle in Sydney. The Demons have lent him to Inter-Monaro for the rest of the season for a \$1500 fee.

SUCH was the despair in the French dressing room after their 2-0 loss to West Germany even the most experienced members of the side, Michel Platini, Jean Tigana, Bruno Belone and Luis Fernandez all wept openly.

Fernandez left the rooms with his head tilted back and his eyes closed, walking like a man who had seen his world come to an end.

Such was not the case though with Diego Maradona. The triumphant Argentinian exchanged shirts with Belgian keeper Jean-Marie Pfaff and collected the gloves of the voted best keeper in the tournament. Pfaff carried away the coveted number 10 shirt.

JUST like Stockton appears the plum to make it into the Northern NSW State First Division next season the club from Raymond Terrace looks highly likely to jump out of Third Division into Second Division.

Raymond Terrace is situated on the Pacific Highway north of Newcastle and is the home town of Marshall Soper. (What a difference he would make to their side).

ENGLISH football hooligans once again brought disgrace on the name of British football after the English loss to Argentina in the quarter-finals.

They fought pitched battles with Mexican and Argentine supporters immediately after the 2-1 loss.

Drunken louts dressed in Union Jack tee shirts with English flags draped around them fought the South Americans.

It was a disgrace and a prime example of why English clubs have been banned from competing in Europe.

PETER KATHOLOS hasn't exactly found the going easy since forcing his way back into the Sydney Olympic side.

'Kat' made his first appearance last week against Blacktown and went through his second match against Canterbury Marrickville in the local derby on the weekend.

Katholos, 25, recently returned from a stint with Greek club Larissa and claimed he was not surprised at Olympic's high position in the OASL and stated: "There's only a few strong teams in the division from what I've seen."

ADELAIDE has its own Maradona.

That's what Croatia forward Lemmy Vatsilas has been nicknamed by supporters after some sterling performances for the State League leaders.

And it is odds on he will be in the OASL next season.



JOHN STEWART

MLC SPONSORS ACT SOCCER FEDERATION

INSURANCE company MLC handed over a cheque of \$1000 to the ACT Soccer Federation; the result of an innovative profit-sharing arrangement between the two organisations.

The money has come from customers who called MLC insurance representative Andrew Leonard and said that they support Soccer in the ACT.

They received a 10% discount on fire and general policies and all monies received went into a pool.

At the end of the year after all claims had been met, the money was split 50-50 between MLC and the Federation.

At a presentation luncheon, held at the Brass Cage in Belconnen, ACT, manager Ian Thomas handed over the cheque, stating the intentions of building onto

the base it provided to eventually reach a figure of \$10,000 or more per year in the future.

The money will be used by the Federation to fund its Youth Development Program.

This program fosters the Representative Squads, the ACT Academy of Soccer and many other aspects dealing with the operations of the Federation.

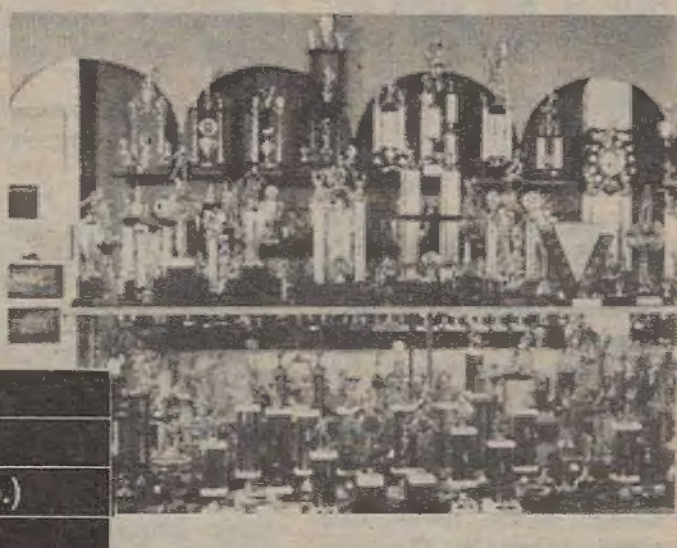
The ACT Soccer Federation appreciates the support shown by MLC and will be endeavouring to continue the agreement already established between the two organisations.

Pictured is (left) Mr Ian Thomas, ACT manager of MLC Insurance Ltd, handing the cheque to Mr Peter Collins, the ACTSF vice-president. In the centre is ACTSF executive director Paul Turner.

SA is gearing up for two national championships. They will host the women's title and the primary schools championship.

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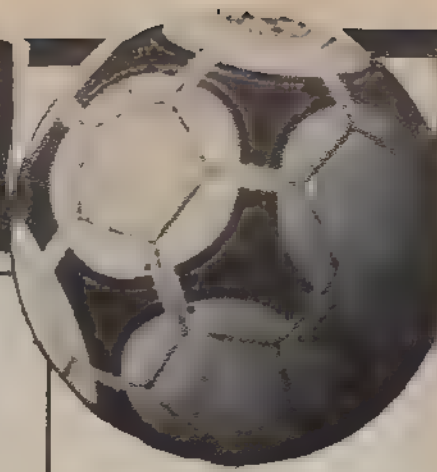


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HIT CHAT — Behind the scene at your club



THERE are moves afoot to organise a social match involving the 1974 Socceroos.

At the moment members of the NSW Soccer media are attempting to organise this match between themselves and the champions of '74 that qualified for the West German World Cup Finals.

The proposal is for the game to be played prior to the Australia — Czechoslovakia international at the Parramatta Stadium.

ASPA members are hoping the match is given the blessing of the AUSTRALIAN SOCCER FEDERATION as the game would surely be one of great interest and more importantly fun.

MITSUBISHI Taree has thrown its weight and money behind a Soccer coaching clinic being held for the youngsters in the Manning Valley area of Northern NSW.

Realising the enormous potential of Soccer in the district, the manager of Mitsubishi, Taree offered \$500 per month to benefit the code.

The executive of the Manning District Soccer Association were quick to gain the services of the Northern NSW State Director of Coaching Ken Kaser 15 organise the coaching clinic. One Sunday each month, Ken along with other Federation coaches Paul Keogh, Les Bee and Shane Tull travel to Taree where over 220 keen and enthusiastic soak instruction.

And its the player enjoying large numbers of friends to watch a few regarded as enjoyable the more large town.

Because highly successful boys and girls coaching clinic being held in Taree since April by the Northern NSW State Director of Coaching Ken Kaser, he was able to convince the locals that they should attempt the Level One Coaching Certificate.

They readily agreed, and so on June 15 they commenced the course. For Ken Kaser, Paul Keogh, Les Bee and Shane Tull it was a thrilling moment when no less than forty eager candidates turned out.

All forty odd have stuck to their guns and expect to pass the final examination on July 8. There is a rumour that a graduation dinner could follow the posting of results.

THE award for the coolest commentary panel must go to the ABC's Indomitable trio of PETER WILKINS, EDDIE THOMSON and CRAIG JOHNSTON.

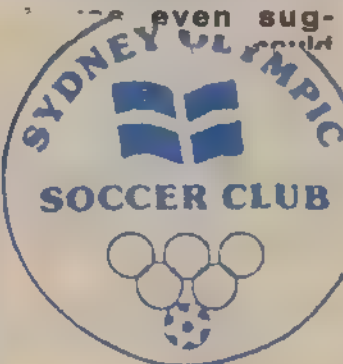
Why you may ask? Well in the middle of a segment on the ABC last week during the World Cup coverage, the MEXICO 86 logo hanging up directly behind their desk bit the dust with a thump.

Most alert viewers would have noticed it and the threesome had an inkling of what happened, as we could see with the little smirk that appeared on E.T.'s face when it occurred. But the Assistant National coach kept his head with millions watching and soldiered on like a true professional.

IN the recent clash between Highlands Azzurri and West Wallsend in the Northern NSW State First Division the scorers all had a similar background of education.

Malcolm McClelland and Lee Sellars scored for Highlands and David Wilson for Westy. All three attended Booragui High School.

KERRY CABAN answered his critics recently when he scored for Lake Macquarie City against Central Coast Assn. He hadn't had his name on the score sheet since returning from Leichhardt and even suggested.



idea it became a little unstuck when Lake belted in four goal to only one in reply.

However, the locals who came along to watch, appreciated First Division Soccer being played in their town. Wyong does have a local club playing in the Central Coast League.

HAD Marshall Soper not made a name for himself in the world of Soccer he could have become a top-flight cricketer.

In the last summer season he got his name on century makers list more than once. His scoring feats for Raymond Terrace with the willow are a talking point in the town.

WOLLONGONG midfielder Bryan Cokely was just as angry with himself as he was with Sydney City striker John Kosmina after being sent off in the game in Wollongong.

Referee Gary Power showed Cokely the red card five minutes after half-time when he struck Kosmina.

The video replay appeared to show that Kosmina had "whacked" Cokely in the face with an elbow away from the ball and the Wolves player reacted by striking back.

Even when Kosmina apparently punched Cokely in the face the penalty was only a yellow card.

"I'm not denying I hit him but I believe that Kosmina elbowed me for no reason and then struck me back after I hit him so it seemed all wrong to me," Cokely said.

The usually quiet Wolves coach John Fleming claimed that in his opinion it was just another instance in which a struggling club is punished and a player from a big-name club gets off lightly.

Fleming said that he believed that everything had worked out perfectly from Kosmina's point of view.

THE procession of fallen national managers continues.

Following close on the heels of the three from last week (Jose Torres — Portugal, Gyorgy Mezey — Hungary and the Soviets' Lobanovsky) comes the news this week that Enzo Bearzot — Italy, Tele Santana — Brazil, Evaristo Macedo — Iraq, Cayetano Re — Paraguay, Alex Ferguson — Scotland, Ivan Vutsov — Bulgaria, Omar Borrás — Uruguay, Antoni Plechaczek — Poland, Tony Walters — Canada and Rabah Sadane — Algeria have either relinquished their positions or been sacked.

Not the most secure of positions now is it!

"SCHWEPPEs are super" say the Soccer kids of Singleton in the upper Hunter Valley of Northern NSW. And there is a perfectly good reason for them thinking for Schwepes are sponsoring a coaching clinic in the town being run by the Northern NSW State Director of Coaching Ken Kaiser.

When organising the clinic Ken planned for a maximum of sixty students but received an enormous shock when 131 applications arrived on his desk.

To accommodate the youngsters Ken sought, and got the help of members from the Newcastle Rosebud United NSL side. They were Joe Senkalski, Clint Gosling, John Cavanagh, Mark Jones, Stuart Heap, Paul Crabtree and Bernard Kerby.

Included in the Schwepes sponsorship was, lunch, drinks and a special T-Shirt.

Ken Kaiser's right hand man, Paul Keogh, hard to miss this one as he is currently preparing for examinations at the University of Newcastle where he is studying Business Management.

WHETHER its scoring spectacular goals or running through brick walls, Hellas front runner George Konstantopoulos never does anything by halves.

Only he, in the middle of winter, could run about in a flash white covert-
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INTERESTING little story from England's Sunderland.

Manager Laurie McMenemy was paid \$1000 a DAY last season, plus other perks.

Not bad for a Second Division club.

STEVE NISCIOLI, Adelaide City's brilliant 17-year-old goalkeeper, cleaned up the club awards the other week.

He took out the four top prizes on offer every home game, winning two dinners for two, a trophy and a selection of wines.

This was the result of his performance against Melbourne Juventus for a 0-0 draw.

The man who selected him for the wine award, and handed over the prize, was first choice keeper Willie McNally, who is recovering from an injured thumb.

AND talking about McNally, the big custodian is still in training although he can't use his injured, pinned thumb — but he is playing.

He has turned out as a field player in the club's Second Division reserve team — and has scored one goal in two games.

THE only real injury worry from the recent Wollongong City — Sydney City match was linesman Phil Torpy.

A Wollongong-based referee, Torpy went over on an ankle when making one of his usual lightning dashes to keep up with play and had to be carried from the field.

Another Illawarra whistler, David Naylor, went on as a replacement.

The latest word on Torpy is that he will be given a fitness test before being allowed back into action.

ITALIAN vineyard owner Carmine Fiesta gave 1,000 bottles of wine to the player who scored the first goal in Sunday's World Cup Final.

Fiesta, from the Adriatic seaside village of Pescara, made a similar gift to Paolo Rossi, who opened the scoring in the 1982 World Cup final between Italy and West Germany.

He is starring for SA State League leaders Croatia as a midfielder.

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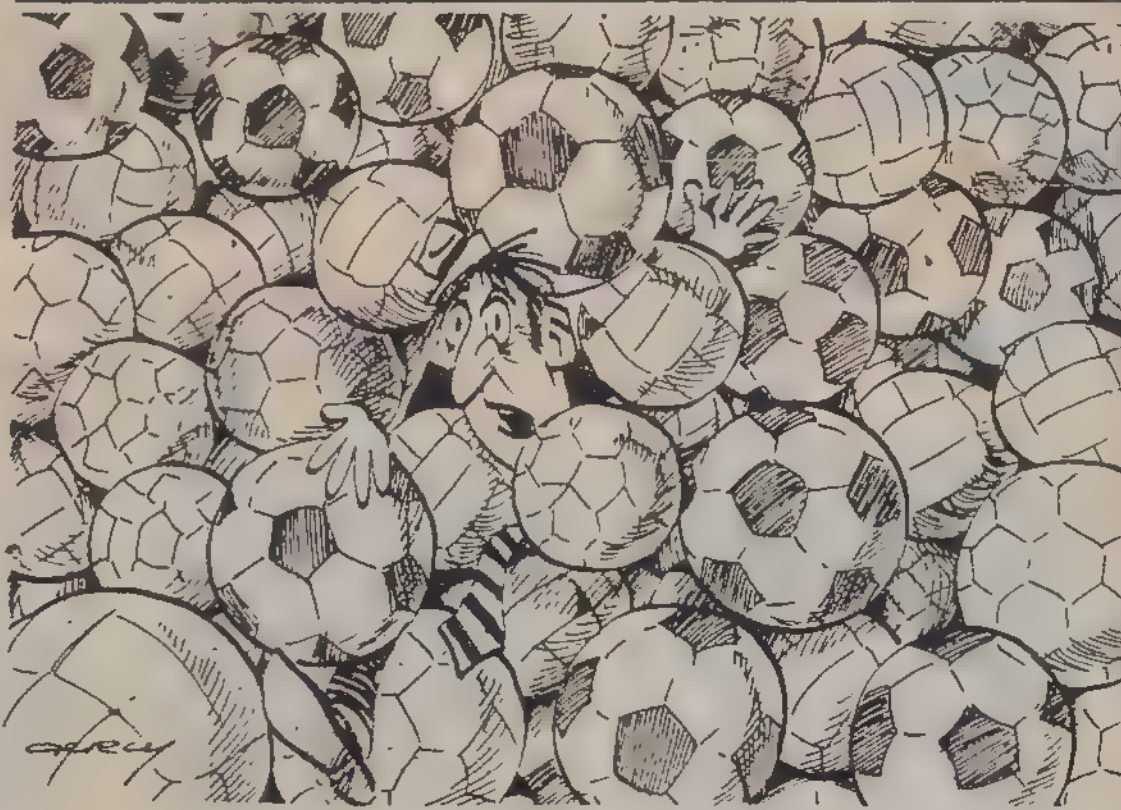
Other States have refused to take part in games against the Malaysians who offered to tour later this year.

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AUSTRALIA NOT TO PLAY IN THE MERLION CUP

AUSTRALIA'S successful association with Singapore through the Merlion Cup will not continue this year.

Australia won the first two Cups but was eliminated in the semi-finals at its next attempt when the ASF decided to send Jimmy Shoulder's Youth team with a couple of more experienced players.

Brian Emery, the ASF executive director, said he had been requested by the national youth coach Les

Scheinflug to arrange matches closer to the Oceania youth elimination series in New Zealand in January.

The Merlion Cup is scheduled this year for August which brings it into contention with the National League.

Players would have to be taken out of NSL teams to go to Singapore and then brought back

to try and regain their places for the vital remaining rounds.

And in a season where so much depends on positions on points tables for next season's one division competition, the absence of key players would be resisted by leading clubs and those still struggling to make the top five.

Emery said the Youth

team would go instead to Thailand in November to contest the Queens Cup at Bangkok.

There could be other entries but at this stage the contestants for the Queens Cup will be Australia, Thailand, China, Japan, South Korea and Denmark.

Another bonus for the Australian team will be that the tournament will take them to the end of

November, leaving just over a month to finalise their preparation for the Oceania tournament.

Winner of the Oceania elimination series will qualify direct to the finals of the 1987 World Youth championships in Chile in October.

Success for Australia will mean competing in its fourth consecutive Youth finals after making the final 16 in Sydney in 1981, Mexico 1983 and Russia in 1985.

It had been planned to send the Youth team originally to Singapore as part of a scheme to help prepare Australia for the qualifying rounds for the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul.

The Singapore Football Association has still organised a strong tournament for its Merlion Cup with six top class teams taking part.

The contestants will be national teams from Singapore, Thailand, China, Korea, Yugoslavia and the Canadian national team.

Singapore and Yugoslavia are the joint defending champions.

A single round robin will be played with the top four teams qualifying for semi-finals.

Steven Tan, the Singapore FA secretary, is still hopeful of making the Merlion Cup one of the most prestigious tournaments in Asia.

OCEANIA SUCCEEDS IN POLITICAL BATTLE

BY KEITH GILMOUR

THE BID to have the Oceania qualifying round for the 1988 Olympic Games played in Oceania territory is certain to be crowned with success.

Israel had once again been drafted into Oceania and wanted home and away matches.

However they will have to settle for a first round bye and then compete in the second round.

The draw for the first round, settled in Mexico City, places Australia, Papua New Guinea and Chinese Taipei in Group B and New Zealand, Fiji and Western Samoa in Group A.

Four games will be involved for each group, which will be played in Australia and New Zealand respectively.

The winner and a third nation to be determined by a decider be-

tween the second-placed teams of either group will next play against Israel for qualification for Seoul.

These games will either be shared between Australia and New Zealand or played in one of the countries.

Unfortunately for Israel they will miss out on the home and away games that they sought.

However the major Oceania forces Australia and New Zealand can reasonably claim that the games should be held in the Confederation's own territory.

The Oceania Confederation will meet in Australia on August 23, at which stage all arrangements will be rubber-stamped.

ARGENTINA, West Germany, France and Belgium will each receive FIFA bank drafts to a total of \$1.5 million for making the World Cup semi-finals.

Even the teams who were bundled out after the first qualifying round will pocket a \$675000 windfall.

Competing in the second round and being eliminated rings the cash register at \$900000.

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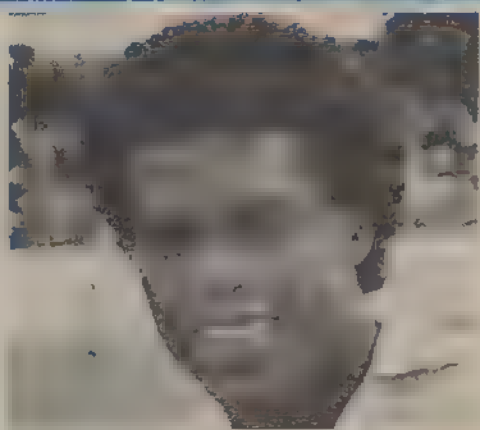
quarter-finalists come up for a \$1125000 payout.

And to think that Australia was only the inter-Confederation matches against Scotland away from qualification.

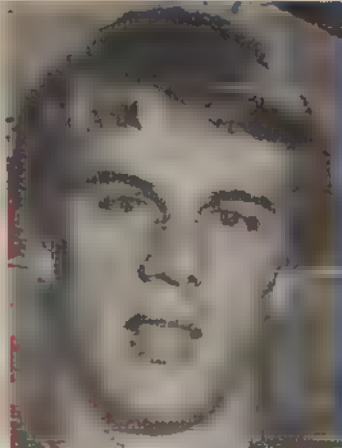
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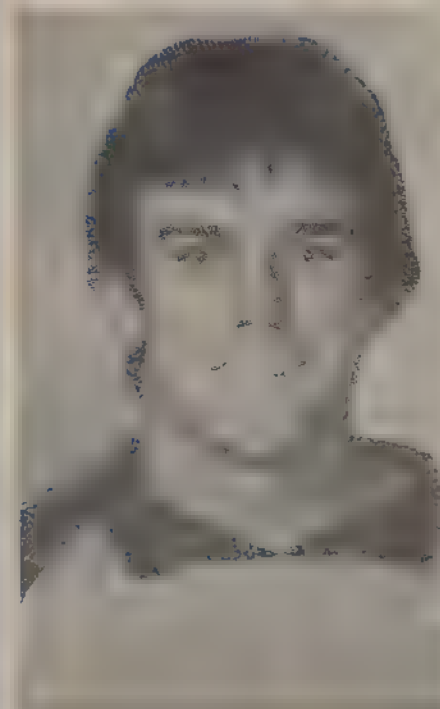
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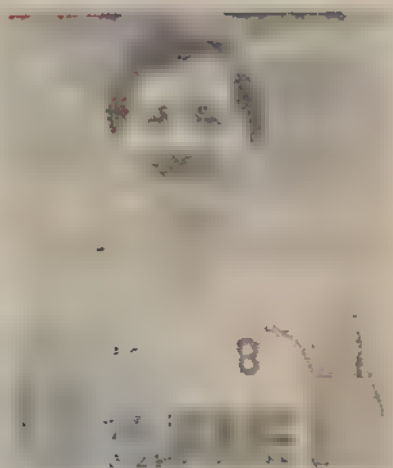
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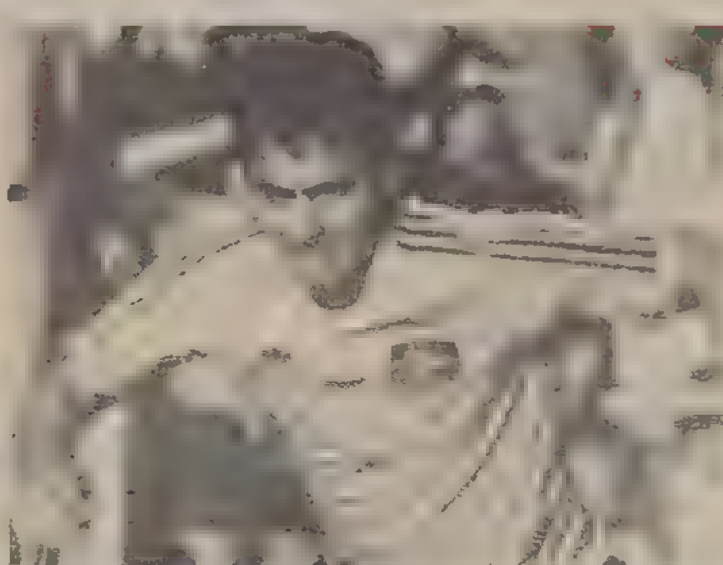
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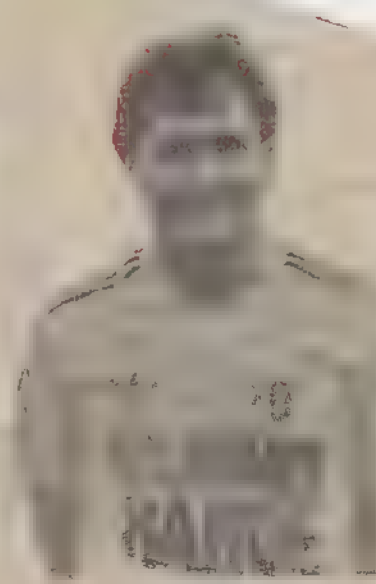
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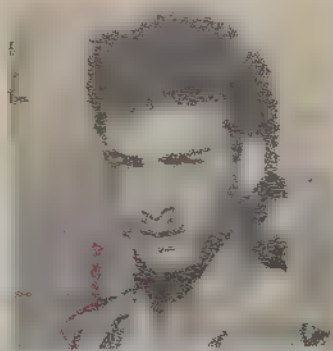
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PLAY SAFE SOCCEROOS BUT WITH A NEW LOOK

National team followers should prepare themselves for a new look Socceroo squad when coach Frank Arok eventually sits down to select the players for the three-match series against Czechoslovakia in August.

BY RAY GATT of the Sydney Morning Herald

Australia will play the visiting Czechs in three games in Melbourne, Adelaide and Sydney on August 3, 6 and 10 as we start preparing for the qualification series for the 1988 Olympic Games.

But, by the same token, don't expect Arok to throw caution to the wind by throwing in a completely young and relatively inexperienced squad.

As he pointed out: "It is always desirable to have a strong, capable national team no matter what.

"You cannot just throw in all the promising young players and excuse yourself by saying you are trying to build for more important things.

"Of course, that (building for the future) is part of my job, but I also think that the public likes to see a strong national team."

So, not surprisingly, Arok will attempt to stick to his "tried and tested" players and mix them in with some of the young, fringe players.

"I have my basis — players like David Ratcliffe, Charlie Yankos, Robbie Dunn, Graham Jennings and Alan Davidson — and I will build my foundation around them," Arok said.

Of course, he will have to make at least five changes to the last Socceroo side which played against Scotland in the second leg of the World Cup elimination match in Melbourne last December.

Arok will have to replace players the calibre of Jim Patikas, David Mitchell, and Oscar Crino, who have pursued careers overseas and Terry Greedy and Joe Watson, who have retired from the international stage.

Finding replacements for them is no easy task, but Arok contends there are a number of players who can fill in quite nicely.

Several spring to mind quickly — players like Graham Arnold (Sydney Croatia) and, Tony Franken (Canberra).

Arnold, who has already had a taste of international football, is the form player of the

national league. He is going great guns and scoring plenty of goals as well.

Tall, strong and with tremendous ability, he should fit in superbly with the needs of Arok.

Then there is Franken, who has been described by Terry Greedy — someone who should know — as the best goalkeeper in Australia.

Having seen Franken in action several times this season, there is no doubt in my mind that Greedy is spot on with his assessment.

Arok has already held two two-day training camps in Sydney and Melbourne and has two more lined up in the next two or three weeks before he eventually picks his final squad.

Impressed with several of the Melbourne players, including Angie Postecoglu and Gary McDowall (South Melbourne) and big Alan Hunter (Heidelberg), during the last training camp two weeks ago.

Arok is taken by Postecoglu, whom he described as "the most promising player in the country."

With only three weeks to go before the final squad is selected, it will be interesting to see what sort of team Arok

comes up with.

As an exercise ASW readers are invited to drop us a line and tell us what team you would choose for the first match against Czechoslovakia. There are no prizes.

ASW's experts have come up with their own thoughts.

KEITH GILMOUR: Oliver; Wheatley, Ratcliffe, Yankos, Dunn, Jennings; Davidson, Raskopoulos, Murphy; Farina, Arnold. Reserves: Franken, Postecoglu, Phillips, De Marigny, Kosmina, Slater.

TED SIMMONS: Oliver; Postecoglu, Ratcliffe, Yankos, Jennings; Davidson, Raskopoulos, Murphy; Farina, Arnold, Kosmina. Reserves: Franken, Dunn, McCulloch, Wheatley, Gray, Lowe.

RAY GATT: Tony Franken; Graham Jennings, Charlie Yankos, David Ratcliffe, Robbie Dunn, Alan Davidson; Ken Murphy, Peter Raskopoulos, Graham Arnold; Frank Farina, John Kosmina (captain). Reserves: Jeff Oliver, Ian Gray, David Lowe, Robbie Slater, Robbie Wheatley, Alan Hunter.

FRANK COLETTA: Franken; Davidson, Ratcliffe, Hunter, Wheatley, Jennings; Odzakov, Arnold, Farina; Lowe, Kosmina (captain). Reserves: Oliver, Bertogina, Dunn, Yankos, Brown, Kalantzis.

JOHN ECONOMOS: Franken; Wheatley, Ratcliffe, Dunn, Jennings; Arnold, Odzakov, Mason, Davidson; Farina, Kosmina. Reserves: Oliver, Gray, Lowe, Gary Phillips, Slater, Dakos.

TERRY GREEDY: Franken; Davidson, Ratcliffe (captain), Dakos, Dunn, Jennings; Paul Wade, Murphy, Raskopoulos; Arnold, Slater. Reserves: Oliver, Latiff, Rod Brown, Miranda.



David Ratcliffe will be the cornerstone of the Socceroo squad for the games against Czechoslovakia and the Olympic Games qualifying matches.

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ASW'S WRAP UP FROM AROUND AUSTRALIA

Illawarra Jottings

WITH PHIL MURPHY

TARRAWANNA striker Claude Cellini brought the house down with a sensational goal in the premier league match against Cringila at Crehan Park.

The game ended in an exciting 3-3 draw but after Cringila had scored a goal to make it 2-2 Cellini struck back virtually within seconds.

The ball went back to the centre circle, Bob To'h kicked off and Cellini sent the ball straight upfield into the Cringila net.

Cringila coach Darryl Glover was critical of his goalkeeper Mick Mitrevski for not being alert.

"He seemed to have time to get to the ball but you have to give Cellini credit for doing

something different," Glover said.

Doing something different is very rare in Illawarra Soccer these days.

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A Lysaght's player as been suspended for 12 months on a charge of head butting.

Jim McKenzie faced the judiciary to have his case heard and the player who was on the receiving end went along.

It seemed the player gave evidence in favour of McKenzie, saying the

incident wasn't as bad as he made out and really he had "taken a dive."

With McKenzie coping 12 weeks it could have been just as well the player turned up.

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Paul Kirwan has signed with struggling Fairy Meadow and has made a big impression in his first two appearances.

The team lost both times but Kirwan looked very sharp and it is a pity the club didn't have another front-runner with his experience.

Kirwan was with Croatia before switching to Canterbury and his talents can only help the younger players in the Fairy Meadow squad.

Also at Fairy Meadow tall defender Paul Jones is back in the side after being unavailable because he was at the Goulburn Police Training College.

The talented defender has been posted to Waverly Police Station

and can now play with the club every weekend.

It means the fine centre-back combination of Jones and Larry Berringer are back together.

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Allfab Shellharbour have lost coach John Boyle and reserve grade coach Les Sheedy has taken over for the rest of the season.

Club spokesman Otto Bader said Boyle resigned because of family reasons and it had nothing to do with Soccer.

"He had been doing a good job for us but couldn't see his way clear to stay with the club," Bader said.

"He stayed for an extra training night to help Sheedy out with the make-up of the team for the next weekend and we beat Coniston Macedonia 3-0."

Sheedy is no stranger to coaching in the premier league, having been in charge at Lysaght's a few years back.

Strong defender Bob Crowe is the centre of a controversy between premier league Fernhill and first division club Corimal.

Crowe left Corimal at the start of the season because he wanted to keep playing in the premier league but now he wants to return to Corimal.

Fernhill had originally agreed to clear him but were struck by a number of injuries to key players and reversed their decision.

Fernhill coach Gerry Walker said he would not be doing the right thing by his club if he allowed Crowe to leave Fernhill but the player has indicated he won't play with Fernhill anyway.

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Port Kembla goalkeeper Fabio Fabienisi doesn't agree

with the general opinion that goalkeepers get too much protection from referees these days.

Fabienisi claims he has been kicked, shoved and manhandled this season and the end result has been him missing his chance of playing for Illawarra.

He was selected in the Illawarra side to play Canberra but didn't make it because he suffered cracked ribs when fouled by a forward in a league match.

"While people recall the 'good old days' when a goalkeeper could be given a hefty shoulder charge when he had his feet on the ground (or if he didn't for that matter) Fabienisi says goalkeepers have it tough as things are now.

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It might sound strange but some Wollongong Macedonia officials feel the goal Manly scored against their team at Cromer Park could take

a lot of pressure off their players.

That goal was the first struck past Macedonia goalkeeper Geoff Robinson in eight games.

The Wollongong team struck back to gain a 1-1 draw but one official said he felt Robinson and his defenders were under pressure each time they went out on the field.

"To have completed seven full games without conceding a goal was a great effort and is a particular tribute to Robinson's ability," the official said.

The strange thing is that after that round of games, Macedonia had only scored nine goals in 12 games and that was one less than neighbours Fairy Meadow who were on the bottom of the league and had netted 10 times.

Even more strange is the fact Fairy Meadow scored six of those goals in just two games.

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South Australia

WITH TOM McKAIN

AN Aussie girl is working for Soccer in a land where the game is a religion — Scotland.

Karen Grega, now living in Kincardine, Fife, not only wants to help a Scottish club but also to form a womens team of

her own.

Karen was one of the best known aces on the Australian Soccer scene before she quit Aus-

tralia.

She was the TV girl who revealed winners of the Soccer pools, and the 27-year-old old also made a name for herself as a midfielder on the field.

Born in Brisbane, Karen took her degree in business communications in Sydney before moving in the world of Soccer with the Australian Soccer Pools.

She became the pools representative on the

National Soccer League in 1978 and continued to play and referee matches.

Karen moved to Canberra in 1980, working with a television company in marketing and writing scripts.

It was then she was appointed executive administrator with the Canberra Arrows, the first women to hold such a post in Australia's top Soccer competition.

Karen was then in-

vited to join the public relations team behind Lotto, and became recognised nationally as the personality flying all over the country to break the news of wins to lucky ticket holders.

The girl friend of Eric Ferguson, the former Rangers striker now with Dunfermline, Karen was quoted in the Dundee Courier as saying: "Once I have found work here I hope I can get around to

ming my own ladies' team.

"Much as I like working behind the scenes I like nothing better than actually participating in a proper game."

Karen first met Eric when Rangers toured here in 1984, and they have kept in contact ever since.

Karen's first visit to Great Britain was in 1976 when she toured in England to

study their marketing techniques.

"I have been here three times, but hopefully this time I can find a job with a club so that I can stay in Scotland," she said.

"I feel sure that my experience could be of use to a club at any level in Scottish football and I would look forward to the challenge."

Karen's mother is originally from Scotland.

The Apple Isle

WITH JOHN TSCHEPPEA

RIVERSIDE Olympic became the latest giant killers of the Tasmanian State League North competition after they demolished Croatia, 4-2, at Invermay Park.

Bob Stewart was the hero of the day as he knocked in his team's four goals, starting with the first early in the game.

Unfortunately for Olympic, an own goal brought the Croatians level by the half-time break.

However, ten minutes into the second half, Stewart struck again after his team-mates had withstood tremendous pressure from the Croatian forwards. He added two more before Stillie managed to pull one back.

Todd, Hendey and Biggar did well to keep their opposition at bay, while Stewart took full advantage of the balls he received from his battling team-mates.

Devonport was held to a draw at Valley Road — they had gone one down early in the second half, but managed to level with a DiPietro header.

Gambols, Fraser and an own goal gave Launceston United only their second win of the season against Western Suburbs.

Brooks scored Suburbs' first and only goal in the 10th minute and

to add to United's early problems, had Ward sent off for retaliation.

But they shook off their early setbacks and scored twice to earn the points.

Round 12 results:
Ulverstone

(McGrory, Mulgrave) d Juventus 2-0, Riv. Olympic (Stewart 4) d Croatia (Stillie, og) 4-2, Georgetown (Hughes, Forsyth, Sawdon) d Burnie 3-0, Launceston United (Gambols, Fraser, og) d Western Suburbs (Brooks) 3-1, Devonport (DiPietro) dw Matric (Murray) 1-1.

Ladder (after Rnd 12):

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Georgetown	12	10	1	1	45	62	21
Ulverstone	11	9	1	1	37	51	19
Devonport	12	7	3	2	23	11	17
Juventus	12	8	0	4	34	11	16
Croatia	12	7	0	5	33	18	14
Matric	12	3	3	6	16	26	9
Burnie	12	3	2	7	22	29	8
Riverside Olympic	12	3	0	9	19	42	6
Launce. United	12	2	1	9	8	43	5
Western Suburbs	11	0	3	8	7	54	3

RAPID AND METRO CAUSE UPSETS

RAPID and Metro both caused minor upsets against higher opposition but still remain at the foot of the Tasmanian State League South competition.

Neither Metro nor Olympic were able to score any goals to break the deadlock for almost three-quarters of the game.

But midway through the second half, Mitchell scored the only goal of the game to give Metro a surprised lead.

A few minutes later Olympia had a perfect opportunity to equalise as they were awarded a penalty, but Porthouse saved Forster's shot and they hung on for only their second win of the season.

Rapid also struck a blow to title hopefuls; this time it was Glenorchy-Croatia that suffered.

Danny Donohue scored both of Rapid's goals — both in the first half — and this was enough to also give them their second win of the season.

Round 11 results:
Metro (Mitchell) d

Olympia-WPL 1-0, Rapid (Donohue 2) d Glenorchy-Croatia 2-0, Juventus-Pioneer (Genovesi, De Felice 2, Broadhouse 2, Fernandez) d Caledonians (Murtagh) 6-1, White Eagles (R. Leszczynski 2, M. & A. Leszczynski, Morrison, Stoddart, Young) d Howrah (Schueler 2) 7-2.

Ladder (after Rnd 11):

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
White Eagles	11	8	1	2	38	15	17
Juventus-Pioneer	11	8	1	2	34	19	17
Olympia-WPL	11	7	0	4	35	20	14
Glen.-Croatia	11	6	2	3	22	11	14
Caledonians	11	3	3	5	17	35	9
Howrah	11	3	1	7	17	29	7
Rapid	11	2	1	8	11	26	5
Metro	11	2	1	8	9	28	5

ATTACK TO NORTHERN TASMANIA

NORTHERN Tasmania won the Attack Shield for 1986 for the best overall performance of teams competing in the Tasmanian Junior Soccer Council's annual championships for Under 9, 10, 11 and 12 representative team, held recently at Ogilvie Park, Launceston.

The carnival was run by the Northern Tasmanian Primary Soccer Association at their new headquarters at Ogilvie Park.

They were assisted in the staging of the carnival by their sponsors, Island State Credit Union, whose \$2000 sponsorship had given a tremendous boost to Soccer in Launceston.

The tournament has been an annual event for many years and is held at a different regional venue each year.

Three hundred players, comprising 20 teams, four from each of the five regions, played a round-robin in four age groups over a two-day period.

The cold, blustery conditions did not deter the youngsters from turning on an entertaining display.

Attack Sportswear, another of the generous sponsors, making available each year a shield which is awarded to the region that gains the most points overall. They also provide a set of shirts for each of the winning teams.

Although the Under 9 team was the only divisional winner from the North, their other teams were highly placed en-

suring a narrow overall win by a solitary point.

Results:

UNDER 9		
Northern Suburbs d North-West	4-0	
Central d Eastern Suburbs	3-1	
North d North West	1-0	
Northern Suburbs d Eastern Suburbs	1-0	
North d Central	1-0	
North d Eastern Suburbs	4-0	
North-West dw Central	0-0	
North dw Northern Suburbs	0-0	
North-West dw Eastern Suburbs	0-0	
Northern Suburbs dw Central	0-0	

UNDER 10		
Northern Suburbs d North-West	1-0	
Eastern Suburbs d Central	3-0	
North d North-West	1-0	
Eastern Suburbs d Northern Suburbs	1-0	
North d Central	4-0	
North dw Eastern Suburbs	1-1	
Central d North-West	2-1	
Northern Suburbs d North	2-1	
Eastern Suburbs d North-West	3-0	
Northern Suburbs d Central	2-1	

UNDER 11		
Central dw North	2-2	
Northern Suburbs d North-West	4-0	
Eastern Suburbs d Central	2-1	
North d North-West	4-0	
Northern Suburbs dw Eastern Suburbs	0-0	
Central d North-West	2-0	
North dw Northern Suburbs	1-1	
Eastern Suburbs d North-West	3-1	
Northern Suburbs d Central	4-2	
Eastern Suburbs d North	6-1	

UNDER 12		
Central d North	1-0	
North-West d Northern Suburbs	1-0	
Eastern Suburbs d Central	2-0	

North d North-West	3-2
Northern Suburbs d Eastern Suburbs	3-0
Central d North-West	3-0
North d Northern Suburbs	2-0
Eastern Suburbs d North-West	2-0
Central d Northern Suburbs	1-0
North dw Eastern Suburbs	4-4

Final Placings:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
North	4	3	1	0	6	0	7
Northern Suburbs	4	2	2	0	5	0	6
Central	4	1	2	1	3	2	4
North-West	4	0	2	2	5	2	2
Eastern Suburbs	4	0	1	3	1	8	1

UNDER 10	
Eastern Subs.	43108 17
Northern Subs.	43015 36
North	42117 35
Central	41033 102
North-West	40041 70

UNDER 11	
Eastern Subs.	431011 37
Northern Subs.	4220 9 36
North	4121 8 94
Central	4112 7 83
North-West	4004 1130

UNDER 12	
Central	430152

MELITA Stadium has proved a very popular venue for the big Oak Turner Cup games in Sydney.

Last night the feature games were: **Div 1:** Balgowlah v Normanhurst. **Div 2:** Holy Cross v St Patricks Dundas. **Div 3:** J.J. Cahill v Strathfield South or Ashfield Boys.

The series will continue next Monday night with the Division 4, 5 and 6 finals.

Thanks to the co-operation of the Melita Eagles NSW State League club the finals will be played in a glittering floodlight night at Melita Stadium again on Monday July 28.

THE GLOVES ARE OFF WITH TERRY GREEDY

AFTER the disappointment of being omitted from the victorious 1978 Argentina squad followed by the humiliation of being sent from the field in 1982, Diego Maradona has at last shown his true form during the 1986 finals for all the world to witness. And what a show it has been.

During the elimination rounds Maradona, while displaying glimpses of what was to come, seemed content to produce only what was required to win the game and conserve his strength for later in the tournament.

When the knockout system was introduced Maradona simply changed into top gear and his last few performances have been incredible.

Against England he produced what most experts believe was the most brilliant individual goal ever seen in the World Cup finals. A

player who possesses the ability to collect a ball in his own half and run the length of the field to score is rare indeed.

So great were the dribbling skills of Maradona the English players were incapable of getting anywhere near him, let alone able to bring him down before he entered the penalty area.

As mere mortals they could only stand and marvel at this Soccer genius in full flight.

On almost every occasion he received the ball he was able to set up attacking moves and goalscoring chances while the English de-

fence stood in awe of him.

Whilst Platini has produced some excellent moments with his incredible vision and distribution which allow him to pick out team-mates with radar-like accuracy, he has not been as dominating a figure during games as has Maradona.

Certainly the calibre of players surrounding Platini is superior to those assisting Maradona, however the Argentine genius is able to dictate play with every touch.

His ability to prise open seemingly impregnable defence or set up team-mates for shots on goal confirms his rating as the best player in the world today.

What a memorable finale it would have been to an excellent World Cup finals series if Maradona and Platini

were to demonstrate their skills on the same field with the greatest prize in the game at stake... the world champion crown — but it was not to be.

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Out at St George they are saying it's the greatest comeback since the "Almighty".

After several weeks out through injury and indifferent form, Roy Cotton returned to the field against Newcastle after withdrawing his request for a transfer.

The return to the starting line-up began as usual with Roy missing two sitters from six yards. But to his credit Roy continued to run himself into the ground in search of that elusive goal that would break the drought.

Late in the second half his prayers and perseverance were rewarded when to the

amazement of all his team-mates he finally found the net.

Hopefully there will be many more to follow, and the appointment the team have made with Dr Christian Barnard, that eminent heart specialist, can be cancelled.

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The rumblings being heard from team officials of those teams who were unfortunate to be eliminated from the Cup finals on a penalty shoot-out reflect the feelings of most Soccer followers.

Countries have spent huge sums of money while players devote many hours to preparation in an attempt to win the World Cup and to have dreams shattered through a missed penalty is something many players will never recover from.

Unfair as it may be there does not appear to be any better solution available. For teams to be asked to replay a game (especially in the Mexican climate) would flatten them and with little time to recover the winner of the replay would have no hope of success against a fresh team.

Perhaps extending the extra time period and changing some rules for this extra period would produce a result and do away with the penalties.

Imagine extra time with no off-side rule. It would certainly make for an interesting finish to the game, and possibly make the loss less of a heart-break.

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An Apia player sent off against Wollongong was given an extended period of suspension. The reason given for the



action taken by the NSL Executive was the player brought the game into disrepute and they were keen to clean up the image of the game.

If they are serious about this new policy then close scrutiny should be given to an incident in the recent Sydney City-Wollongong game. It seems some player are immune to the red card depending on their reputation?

SEE YOU NEXT WEEK!

A LOOK DOWN THE LINE AT POSSIBLE NSL WINNERS

THE NSL is certainly hotting up at the half way stage in both the North and South Divisions.

With the proposed new 14 team league due to start next year teams are desperate for points.

The two front runners in the Northern Division Sydney Croatia and Sydney Olympic have both had a lean spell over the last few weeks, but that happens to all teams during a season.

Even though they both haven't been at their best, they've still picked up points.

Now though the tide seems to have turned for both teams with recent resounding wins.

I expect them both to now cut back to their

best flamboyant form and be fighting for the title.

Whilst Wollongong have done remarkably well, I feel that the only contenders to fight it out with Olympic and Croatia because of the depth of their squads will be Marconi and Sydney City.

Apart from Wollongong and Newcastle's first half of the season, things are looking bleak for the out of towners with Canberra and Monaro both struggling near the bottom.

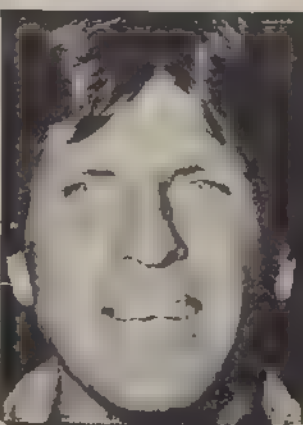
In the Southern Division the Brisbane Clubs

are both in trouble and, with Adelaide Hellas still near the bottom, it could mean the only team outside Sydney and Melbourne next year could be Adelaide City.

To change that possibility it is going to need big second half performances from Brisbane Lions and Wollongong.

The real surprise though in the southern section is Footscray, now leading the competition and after their dismal few seasons continued success might be the only way they can avoid the cut off.

Looking at the league at the moment and the depth of squads I think



BY ALAN VEST
NSW DIRECTOR OF COACHING

the four to fight out that section will be Footscray, Brunswick Juventus, Sth Melbourne and Preston or Heidelberg.

WELCOME HOME, CHRIS BAMBRIDGE

WITH the last ball kicked in the 1986 World Cup spare a thought for Australian referee Chris Bainbridge who had the honour of being included on the panel of FIFA referees to officiate in Mexico.

He worked hard on his preparation and his wife even put him on a special diet to assist with his fitness.

When he arrived in Mexico he was appointed to control the plum game Brazil versus

Spain, considered to be one of the top five games in the early rounds.

Chris as always handled the game in a professional manner but made one mistake when he disallowed a goal to

Spain.

It is history now that the ball rebounded off the underside of the bar and bounced over the line before going back into play.

This was recorded thanks to the modern wonders of television and slow motion replay but it should be noted that the ball hit the ground at lighting speed without the aid of action replays.

BY GEORGE STREETER

Chris was about 20 metres from goal, having just moved out from a defensive clearance, and can be excused for his action and furthermore when he looked across to his linesmen he received a negative response.

Most fair minded Soccer supporters would agree that Chris Bainbridge, Don Campbell and Richard Lorenc are our top three referees in Australia and we need more men of this calibre.

I would appeal to all fans for their full support when Chris Bainbridge is the man in the middle at their local ground, so welcome home Chris!

POSTSCRIPT TO ALL YOU FANS:

Remember that Maradona clearly handled the ball when he scored his first goal against England in the quarter finals. Referee Ali Bannaceur from Tunisia allowed the goal to stand. I rest my case.



CHRIS BAMBRIDGE in the thick of things.



THE magnificent one —
DIEGO MARADONA.

THE QUEENSLAND REPORT

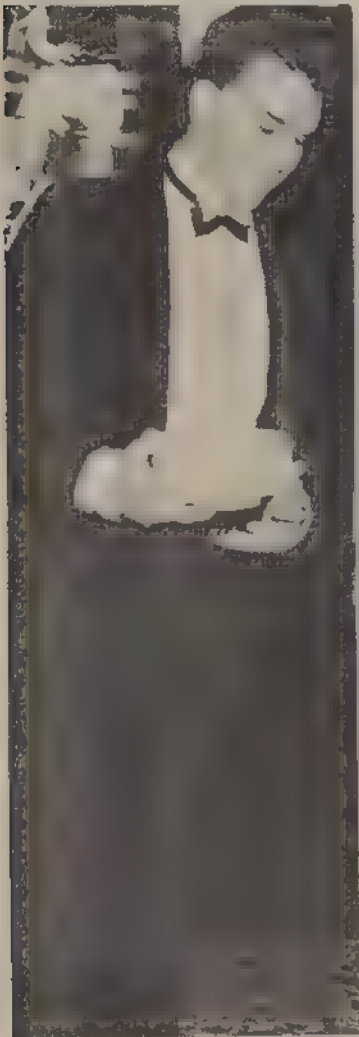
With Greg Russell

BRISBANE COULD UNITE

PROPOSALS for Queensland to combine its National League resources is gaining momentum.

But it seems if the idea goes ahead a new entity will be formed rather than a merger between Brisbane City and Lions, which would not be feasible because of the involvement in the local competition.

The idea to form a "United" Brisbane team



ALAN HUNTER

was raised about a fortnight ago and the proposal has been boosted by the huge crowds being attracted by the Brisbane Bullets basketball team.

The Bullets drew an Australian record 7000 plus last week and some local Soccer officials believe the secret to a successful Queensland Soccer team in the NSL, both on the park and off it, is to project a similar across the board image.

"If there is only one Queensland team in the National League next year then it doesn't have a hope in hell of drawing good crowds if it still projects a club image," Brisbane Lions secretary Mr Lawrence Oudendyk said.

"As the season went on the club would drift apart from the rest of Queensland Soccer. What we need is a team seen to be representative of Brisbane and drawing on all the resources of the Queensland Soccer Federation."

QSF officials are reluctant to comment for fear of pre-empting anything the NSL may decide, but already visiting NSL coaches have stamped the idea as a winner.

Heidelberg's Brian

Garvey, who has seen both Brisbane sides this season and turned to Lions in January to sign Alan Hunter, has no doubts there are good players in Queensland.

"But I don't think there are enough for two teams. If the resources could be combined I think it would make a real difference. But then how do you amalgamate the two clubs?" he said.

What could go against any combined Brisbane NSL team would be that some may see it as the QSF "Queensland" team. QSF officials are known to be organising a massive representative season for the Maroons next year with a tour and a hosting of at least two teams likely.

The QSF, which represents all the local Soccer clubs, would be very reluctant to back a United Brisbane team if it was seen to be the Maroons and their representative program viewed as only an adjunct to the NSL program.

In the meantime, Brisbane City and Lions officials are still working hard to ensure their sides finish in the final 14 so that no matter what alternative gains the most support, they at least have the upper hand.

BLOCKBUSTER BENNETT CHEWS IT OVER AGAIN

FORMER Soccerroo and Brisbane Lions coach Col Bennett could make a playing comeback for his side.

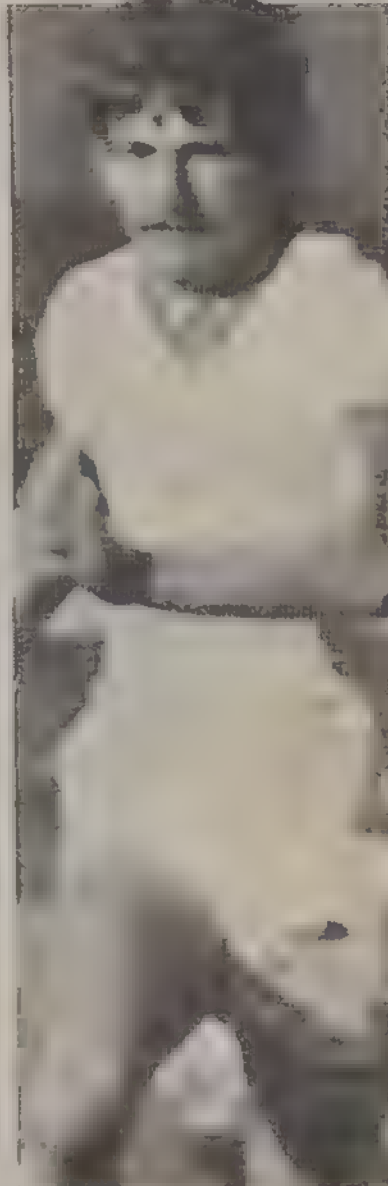
Speculation that the 35-year-old defender could return to the NSL playing field after an absence of three years has circulated since Lions lost experienced fullback Alan Niven, who retired to take up a coaching position.

The loss of Niven, compounded by the serious back injury to outstanding youngster David Hunter has left Lions very thin in the defensive ranks.

While youngsters like Bill Armit, who is being used as a stopper, are showing good potential, some club directors are concerned about the lack of experience in the Lions backline in this crucial NSL season.

Bennett last played for Lions in 1983 but a recurring injury restricted him to only a handful of appearances. He left Lions the following year and was player-coach with local Intermediate League side Rochdale. But after winning the Grand Final last year Bennett even game away playing with Rovers to concentrate solely on coaching.

Lions always held Bennett's contract and he played with Rochdale on loan. The official clearance on that loan agreement came through last week, giving Lions the all clear to play their coach in the NSL.



ALAN NIVEN

"We had a committee meeting and it was put to me whether I had thought about playing again. I said I had. I didn't bring it up, I just told them the clearance had come through," Bennett said.

"I am going to do some runs every day as far as the fitness goes and I am training with the players. If I think I can do a job I will go out there and do it."

"But I am not going on the park and be made a fool of. It's my reputa-

tion as a player and a coach that's at stake. So anything I do will be what's best for the team. If I think it's best for the team I play, then I'll play."

"But there would have to be no-one else there to select and obviously it would be the last alternative."

Just when that might be could well hinge on injuries. But with Frank Liddell and Armit carrying ankle knocks, it may not be in the too distant future.

BRISBANE CITY SCOURS MARKET

BRISBANE CITY has made the decision to buy its way away from the bottom of the table and the club is presently scouring markets locally, interstate and overseas.

And already it is understood the club has secured a Victorian midfielder.

Club officials were not releasing too many details of the player until his signing was finalised, but it is understood he was referred to the club by their outstanding Irish signing Kieran Cooper.

Cooper, from League of Ireland club Bray Wanderers has been one of the best signings City has made in years. If the new man is half as good City will be on a winner.

It is thought the new signing is from Shamrock Rovers. It is not known at what level he is playing in Victoria but Cooper has confidently told club officials he believes the player can do a job for City.

Brisbane City directors held a special meeting following the recent 1-3 loss to fellow lowly side Melbourne Croatia and the club decided to strengthen its NSL squad.

City already has been linked with former Queensland striker Dave Wheeler, but he poses a problem because he is a visa player. City already has three visa players on its books, Cooper, Phil White and Roberto Lettieri. The new Irish signing is a permanent resident which made him even more attractive.

With the transfer deadline expiring last Monday, and City seeing no answer to its visa problems, it seems any signing of Wheeler or an overseas player over whom the club has speculated will have to

wait until next year. But there are countless players locally and interstate who would jump at the chance to play NSL, even in this cut-throat year, and it is understood it is to these players City is looking.

"It's not that we don't have faith in our current team. Naturally they will be the first picked, but we definitely need extra players to cover for injuries. We are vulnerable when we have players sidelined," a club official said.

City coach Billy Wilkinson also is hoping to mend a rift with experienced midfielder Bobby Hamilton, who last week asked for a transfer.

Hamilton told the media he was not happy with the way things were going at the club. The Scottish midfielder has been one of City's few regulars for the past five years and will be a costly loss if he can not be coaxed back to the club.

"I will be talking to Bobby and trying to sort things out," Wilkinson said.

In the meantime, while the background problems at the club are sorted out, the team seems to be going well. A 2-1 win over Sunshine in Melbourne a week ago was City's second victory in Melbourne in the last four appearances there and one of the other games was drawn.

"The team is under a lot of pressure when it plays at home, but they seem to bring out the best when they play away," City president Sam Pappalardo said.

PERRY PARK MIDWEEKER

COALSTARS and Eastern Suburbs will clash this week in the first ever play-off for the Queensland Soccer Federation President's Cup.

They will meet at Soccer headquarters, Perry Park, tomorrow night (Wednesday, July 2).

In the past the President's Cup has been automatically awarded to the team leading the state's premier competition at the end of the first round of fixtures. Brisbane Lions were the winners last year.

But in a move designed to promote the XXXX League and add more interest to the trophy, the QSF management committee decided to introduce a play-off between the leading two teams.

East has been among the pacesetters all season but a sensational final first round match result took Coalstars into the play-off.

With the top of the XXXX League tightly packed Coalstars had to beat fellow leaders North Star to get a crack at the silverware and the Bundamba side did it in fine fashion. Two Dave Wheeler goals knocked North Star from the lead for the first time this season.

If Coalstars can win the trophy, it will be

their first major title since winning the Ampol Cup in 1965.

East's bumbled their way into the play-off as well. The Tigers really needed only a point to ensure a berth but they trailed bottom side Wynnum at halftime. But a good second half from the Tigers, and two goals from their Hong Kong Rangers signing Carl Scott, saw them through.

The Intermediate League, the state's second top competition, also will have a play-off between its two first round leaders. Brisbane City and Redlands will clash for the Intermediate Cup as a curtain raiser to the President's Cup game.

And both teams only narrowly made it into the final. They both drew their final first round games. With six teams separated by only two points at the top of the table it could have been disastrous for both clubs. But results went their way and the two clubs which have led the competition all season

justly were given a crack at the trophy.

With XXXX and Intermediate League fixtures being put on hold last weekend to allow for Ampol Cup quarter-finals, most clubs took the break to rid their squads of niggling injuries and to re-charge their batteries for what is certain to be a tough run to the end of the season.

QSF officials could not have hoped for a more unpredictable XXXX League. Every team looms as a danger for its opponents and the final make-up of the top four appears a lottery.

While North Star, Easts and only of late Coalstars have appeared the major sides, who would write off Mount Gravatt or Ipswich United, the perennial trophy winners.

But then Grange Thistle and Olympic United rolled Ipswich

and the Hawks in the last round to prove that anyone can do anything in this year's League.

The current league table is: Coalstars 13, Easts 13, North Star 12, Ipswich United 11 (played one more game), Olympic U 10, Grange Thistle 9, Mt Gravatt 8, Lions 7, Taringa 5 (played one more game), Wynnum 4.

The Intermediate League top of the table is also tightly packed with Acacia Ridge, Valley Trident, Rochdale and Mitchelton all within striking distance of City and Redlands' lead.

"While it must be murder for the clubs, the QSF and spectators are delighted. I am sure we are going to see a lot of good Soccer before the season is out," QSF secretary Alan Vessey said.

The clash of the round in this weekend's XXXX League fixtures

will be the Heath Park match between Easts and Ipswich United. The Tigers could plummet to third if they lose while Ipswich United is keen to get as many points as possible before it is brought back one peg when it loses its 'played one extra' advantage.

Brisbane Lions, who lost all its points from the first three rounds because of a player registration discrepancy, showed it is fighting back when it thumped Taringa 4-1 in the last round. Lions travel to Lanham Park this Saturday night to play the hot-cold Grange Thistle, who recently signed former Townsville player Phil Figgins and New Zealander Keith McFayden.

It will also be an opportunity for Lions to again see what might have been theirs. The Richlands club desperately tried to sign Thistle defender Keith Marsh, but the youngster in the end decided to stay with his XXXX League side.

Other games see Olympic United, playing so well this year under new coach Juan Cutillas, host North Star, Wynnum play Coalstars and Taringa take on Mt Gravatt.

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The State League Story

FORD DRIVES KU-RING-GAI TOWARDS TOP FOUR

KU-RING-GAI coach Dennis Ford reckons that the TNT Skypak State League this year is so tight that it is unbelievable.

Then in the same breath he takes the very positive attitude that the North Shore unit will be right in the hunt at the end when the semi-final positions are decided.

BY KEITH GILMOUR

"They are a good bunch of boys and they are rarely beaten," he says.

"When you can down teams like Sutherland 2-0 and Melita Eagles 1-0 on their own grounds you have to have something really going for you."

Well, one of those special somethings could well be goalkeeper Andrew Lacey.

Last season Lacey started out as understudy to that excellent controller of the ball in the air throughout his whole penalty area, David Curtis, now of Blacktown City in the National League.

An injury to Curtis saw Lacey take over and he did it all in style.

"I regard him as the best keeper in the League. I couldn't blame him for even one goal that went in either last year or this," says Ford.

Ford should be given credit for knowing his football because of his own nous as well as his qualifications.

His experience ranges from England to Canada and Australia.

In addition he holds the degree of master in sport psychology and exercise physiology and is a qualified physical education teacher and lecturer.

Apart from that he has been Soccerdom's Director of Coaching in both Queensland and Tasmania.

On the administration side he did a spell as national executive director for the sport of rowing.

It is never easy — and especially in clubs where money never grows on trees — to have sufficient experience to blend with the youngsters coming through the ranks.

Ku-ring-gai look to that great campaigner Terry Bertram and he rewards them by never turning in a bad game.

Nigel Groome joined the club of his own volition on a free transfer and his contribution has been inestimable.

And there is Alan Goldsworthy, an out-

standing left-back who shows out well in the distribution department to boot.

Craig Bass, with all his strength, gets through a power of work at the front.

Last year Ku-ring-gai sold Glenn Jeffery to Avala for \$4000 after he scored ten goals for

them in 1984.

Jeffery did wonders for Ku-ring-gai, but Bass and his cohorts have carried on well.

"A great bunch of lads" says Ford of his charges, and who better to know.

The big test is over the rest of the season, when it will be seen whether they can mix it with the best of the League.



MELITA celebrate success last season, will they be doing so again?

CAN MELITA'S DEMAND FOR SUCCESS BE REALISED

WHEN the season began the Melita Eagles management were aggrieved because there would be no place for them in the 1987 National Soccer League.

The drop back to 14 teams would mean that promotion and relegation was to be suspended, and who did it effect more than Melita.

After all their new stadium was to be opened by no less a person than soon-to-retire NSW premier Neville Wran and the president of Malta, Miss Barbara, was to visit them.

In addition the team was going like a rocket, with National League and State League clubs being steamrollered by them in the Ampol Cup.

Whilst Melita are pressing hard towards the top, it is to some degree a case of how things have panned out rather than how they were planned.

There were moves to strengthen the team with experienced players but those players had other ideas.

They preferred NSL club positions and Melita was transferred into one of the youngest — if not the youngest — units in their competition.

The other side of the coin is that other clubs feel that they are forced to come to Melita Stadium for a point — because they know what will happen to them if they don't. And so mid-fields are packed.

Melita can come unstuck at times because they have as many as eight players in their team who are 21 years and under.

We are yet to hear of anyone who has succeeded in putting an old head on young shoulders, and coach Dennis Hoggart can attest to this.

The top experienced men are Derek Laing, midfield maestro Ray Farrugia, and Kenny Wilson.

Wilson is just coming back after a groin injury, albeit at the very time when Laing is in doubt with a dicky knee.

Full-back Howard Tredinnick has had plenty of experience, and particularly looked the goods as an Australian Youth international.

The Eagles' fans have reason to be pleased with the progress of defender Graham Lomas, who arrived at the club from Mt Druitt Town.

The goalkeeping department points to some of Melita's inability to confidently establish themselves at the top.

Dragan Pupovac and Anton Avellino, who were the reserve and third team goalkeepers respectively last season, are in the top jobs this year.

Both are 17 years of

age. Whilst they are going well, that is young indeed for a position that usually demands experience and more so they any other on the park.

When it comes to the attack the club relies on Wayne Farnsworth in particular. He is back this year after 18 months out, during which time he needed to have a knee reconstructed.

Lenny Vial has shown a deal of the ability he had as a junior in Gladesville-Hornsby, but his talent has to change from being somewhat enigmatic to one where consistency can be taken for granted.

Birol Sertbas, not long since a schoolboy star, also has to fully settle in.

Having said all this, no-one can fairly say that Melita Eagles is not



HOWARD TREDINNICK — plenty of experience.

GRANVILLE CHILE'S PROUD POSITION

GRANVILLE Chile has gone well in reaching the halfway mark in the NSW State League Third Division right at the top.

The team is undefeated and has a four point lead over the nearest contender.

The team comprises mostly South Americans, with just one 'Australian' to complete the line-up.

Right behind the team are the Chilean community as well as the directors of the Granville Chile club.

Enthusiastic supporter R. Perez believes that coach Pedro Elgueta deserves the highest compliments along with his players.

— KEITH GILMOUR

a creative side, and it should assure itself a spot in the semi-finals, and something better than that could perhaps be achieved as well.

Dennis Hoggart is pressing hard for the best, but he is ready to admit that the class of the Rockdale Ilinden side with its impressive imports could be the biggest threat to Melita on evidence to date.

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Dee Why Swans	vs C'belltown City	Dee Why Oval

STATE LEAGUE 3rd DIVISION

Bondi Marine	vs C'belltown Gunners	Waverley Oval
North Ryde RSL	vs Mt Druitt Town	Magdala Park
Rooty Hill	vs Uni of NSW	Cawarra Park

SUNDAY 6th JULY

STATE LEAGUE 1st DIVISION

Sutherland Shire	vs Melita Eagles	Seymour Shaw Pk
Manly W'Gah	vs Uruguayan Auburn	Cromer Park
Rockdale Ilinden	vs Wollongong Mac	TEA Chopin Park
Polonia	vs Fairy Meadow	Narrabeen F/C
Warringah F/Water	vs Avala	Parklands Oval
Ku-ring-gai	vs Penrith City	

STATE LEAGUE 2nd DIVISION

Blacktown Lebanon	vs Kingsford Hellenic	Jensen Oval
Blacktown United	vs Gladesville Hornsby	Francis Park
SSC Yugal	vs North Bankstown	Blick Oval
Queens Park	vs Artarmon	Erskineville Oval

STATE LEAGUE 3rd DIVISION

Moorebank L'pool	vs King Tomislav	Hammondville Oval
Granville Chile	vs Port Hacking	Garside Park
West United	vs Baulkham Hills	Harold Read Res

STATE LEAGUE ROUND UP

BY STEVE SHELDON

"STILL MANLY ... JUST"

MELITA EAGLES 0 MANLY W'GAH 0

MELITA Eagles, despite being depleted by the loss of six key players, were desperately unlucky not to take both points when it drew 0-0 with front-runners Manly Warringah in the clash of the round at Melita Stadium.

The draw maintained Manly's position at the head of the table.

In a fast, open game, Melita dominated throughout and should have wrapped up the match at the break after creating a number of good scoring chances.

Melita's Paul McFadden, Warren Dalton and Paul Marshall all went close in the 1st half and defender Kenny Wilson actually scored in the 18th minute but was adjudged to have been off-side.

In the 49th minute, McFadden had a spectacular overhead scissor kick saved by keeper Bob Catlin and Catlin was again on hand eight minutes later to stop a 24 metre power drive by Wayne Farnsworth.

McFadden — a Scottish U19 youth international — Wilson and John Foxman starred for Melita while Catlin and defenders John Dick, Peter Dennis and Allan Dean stood out for Manly.

Referee Arthur Owens was again the centre of controversy when he handed out six yellow cards, four to Manly and two to Melita.

MELITA: Avellino, McCoy, Williams (70min, Gregson) Lomas, Wilson, Callanan, Rezazadeh, Farnsworth, McFadden, Foxman (89min Vial) Dalton.

MANLY: Catlin, Dennis, Van Egmond, Dick, Robin, Stuart,

Campbell (34min Etherington) Dean, Allan, McIntosh (73rd min Davidson) Marshall.

W'GONG MACE 0 SUTHERLAND 0

DESPITE dominating throughout, Sutherland had to be satisfied with only one point after an entertaining 0-0 draw with Wollongong Macedonia at Berkeley Showground.

Sutherland started strongly with several crisp passing movements but were foiled by some fine goalkeeping by Wollongong's keeper, Geoff Robinson.

Striker Barry Robinson had probably Wollongong's best 1st half chance in the 30th minute but skied his shot over the bar.

Warringah looked dangerous after the break but faded in the last 30 minutes as Sutherland took control.

Best players for Sutherland were forward Daryl Sharp and Bruce Johnston while Anderson was outstanding in the Wollongong goal.

WOLLONGONG: G. Robinson, Muhlauer, Ruakin, Talevski, Sweeney, Muzik, Todorovski, Blingham, B. Robinson, Gardiner (75min, Krkovski) Giraldi.

SUTHERLAND: Burchmore, Nelson, Cox, Terry, Burrows, Cashman, Meades, Harrington, Johnston, Hughes, Sharp.

W'GAH F/WATER 1 POLONIA 2

POLONIA picked up two vital away points after edging out Warringah Freshwater 2-1 in an exciting match at Narrabeen Fitness Centre.

Polonia dominated early and went to an early lead in the 5th minute when Henek Sobczyk crashed home a 23 metre free-kick past a badly organised War-

ringah wall.

Warringah fought back and levelled the score in the 26th minute when striker Dennis Corrigan netted from nine metres out.

Corrigan's goal seemed to rock Polonia and the locals began to get the upper hand.

However, they were denied the equaliser by some scrambling goal-line clearances and several top-class saves by keeper Stephen Anderson.

Polonia finally broke the deadlock in the 78th minute when Jurek Drys intercepted a weak Warringah back-pass and slotted the ball home.

Anderson, Stefan Janic and Allan Robertson stood out for Polonia while David Watt was probably Warringah's top performer.

WARRINGAH: J. Bottalico, Starrey, Watt, Green, Barry, A. Bottalico, Burke, Corrigan, Silva, Glenore (70 Driene).

POLONIA: Anderson, Chau, Pratt, Robertson, Kulwicki, Colusso, Sobczyk, Mahamah, Drys, Janic, Pop.

FAIRY MEADOW 0 ROCKDALE ILLINDEN 0

ROCKDALE Illinden, the free-scorers of the State League, went on another scoring rampage when they thrashed Fairy Meadow 6-0 at Corrimal Memorial Park.

They gave Rockdale its 11th goal in its last 2 encounters and takes the team to the top of the state league scoring ladder.

Striker Zlatko Nastevski was again on target for Rockdale, and his hat-trick brought his personal goal tally to 12.

Nastevski opened the scoring in the 17th minute. He picked up his second goal in the 65th min and his third in the 74th min.

Other goals came from Risteovski in the 20th minute and substitute Grbevski in the 76th and 84th minutes.

Best players for Rockdale were Nastevski, Vlado Tortevski and Tony Genovese while Phil Kerr stood out for the locals.

ROCKDALE: Berry, G. Wilson, Rodle, Plovski, D. Wilson, Tortevski, Darlington, Nasto (86min Jones) Nastevski, Genovese, Risteovski (86min Grbevski).

FAIRY MEADOW: Krajnovic, Wright (17 Marjanovic), Burleigh, Jones, Beringer, Pell, Richardson, Carlo, Baker, Kerr, Kirwan.

PENRITH 2 URUGUAYAN AUBURN 1

PENRITH continued its recent good form with another upset result — this time a 2-1 home victory over highly-rated Uruguayan Auburn at Cook Park.

The locals started with some good fortune thanks to an own goal by a Uruguayan defender in the 26th minute.

Eight minutes later, Penrith went further ahead when striker Ian Hunter collected a through ball by Craig Thompson, ran 30 metres and slotted the ball past keeper Rossano.

Uruguayan managed to pull one back two minutes before the break when Tomasiz turned an O'Donnell free kick into the net, but the visitors never really looked capable of progressing further.

Best players for Penrith were defender Don Campbell, keeper Daryl Edwards and Hunter while defender Brett Woods, Rossano and striker Pertomo starred for Uruguayan.

AUBURN: Rossano, O'Donnell, Tomasiz, Woods, Tiriz, Mosquero, Van Helden, Cuba, Calaterra, Jenc, Pertomo.

PENRITH: Edwards, Hatton, Hebb, Campbell, Shaw, Jamieson, Thompson, Cross, Quarmby, Martinez (Grey 60min), Hunter.

KU-RING-GAI 3 AVALA 0

KU-RING-GAI recorded its easiest win of the season when it easily brushed aside Avala 3-0 at Parklands Oval.

Although Avala looked dangerous at

times, the team appeared to be sadly lacking in fighting spirit and the margin could easily have been doubled had Ku-ring-gai's forwards been on target.

The locals went ahead after only 7 minutes when striker Chris Quigley stole the ball from an Avala defender, and slipped it to fellow striker Craig Bass who slotted it past keeper Thurlow.

Ku-ring-gai went close to scoring several times but had to wait until the 45th minute before a one-two between Bass and midfielder Nigel Groome saw Groome slot home for Ku-ring-gai's second goal.

In the 69th minute, Ku-ring-gai surged further ahead when Neil Williamson steered the ball through a sea of legs after a corner on the left.

In an excellent team performance, Bass, Groome, and keeper Andrew Lacey shone out for Ku-ring-gai while Filipovic was head and shoulder above his Avala team-mates.

KU-RING-GAI: Lacey, Kevern, Goldsworthy, Bertram, Watson, Groome, Sutherland, Williamson, Quigley, Nile, Bass.

AVALA: Thurlow, Vrankovic, D'vari, Allagic, Pena (51stmin Blazic), Kodor, Marino, Cootes, Filipovic, Radak (55min Brown), Jeffery.

SA State League

Hellas nil Campbelltown nil
Beograd 3 Lion nil
Azzurri 1 Polonia 1
Salisbury 1 Elizabeth 1
Modbury 2 Birkalla 1
Croatia 4 Para Hills 1
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	1st	2nd	3rd
Melita Eagles v Manly Warringah	0-0	1-0	3-0
Penrith City v Uruguayan Auburn	2-1	2-2	1-0
Wollongong Mac v Sutherland	0-0	1-0	0-7
Fairy Meadow v Rockdale Illinden	0-6	4-0	0-4
Warringah F/Water v Polonia	1-2	8-0	0-0
Ku-ring-gai v Avala	3-0	1-0	0-2

STATE LEAGUE SECOND DIVISION

Gladesville Hornsby v Dee Why Swans	1-1	2-1	1-0
Nth Bankstown v Blacktown United	1-3	0-3	2-0
SSC Yugal v Bankstown Lebanon	2-1	3-0	16-0
Canterbury & Dist v Bankstown Lebanon	0-2	1-1	8-0
Kingsford Hellenic v Artamon	3-3	2-1	Art For
Campbelltown City v Bathurst '75	0-0	1-1	5-1
Queens Park v SSC Yugal	1-2	1-3	0-4

STATE LEAGUE THIRD DIVISION

Campbelltown Gunners v Nth Ryde RSL	2-0	2-1	1-4
Uni of NSW v Mt Druitt Town	0-1	0-1	0-1
King Tomislav v Bondi Marine	0-2	2-0	1-1
Rooty Hill v West United	3-2	0-0	0-3
Port Hacking v Moorebank L'pool	1-0	1-7	3-2
Baulkham Hills v Granville Chile	1-6	1-3	3-1

INTER URBAN FIRST DIVISION

	1st	2nd
Fairfield Kiev v Eastwood St Andrews	0-1	1-5
West St George v Chelsea	4-2	5-2
Padstow Park v CSI Schofields	2-2	7-0
Sydney Uni v Concordia	0-1	2-3

INTER URBAN SECOND DIVISION

Liverpool City v Trasandinos Sports	3-5	6-2
Hawkesbury Dist v Greenwood United	1-1	3-1
Wenty Waratah v Pagewood	2-2	2-5
Rosebery v Hurstville Zagreb	1-0	2-0
Chile Sports v Macquarie Uni	3-2	0-2
Dulwich Hill v Granville Chile	4-0	1-0

INTER URBAN THIRD DIVISION

Colo Colo v Concord Juniors	1-2	1-1
Sydney Maccabi v Greenisland	0-6	1-4
Lansvale United v Haberfield B/D's	5-2	1-0
Petersham v Rangers Hadjuk	1-2	5-1
Blacktown Wanderers v Chullora	1-0	3-2
Robins v Welcome	0-1	0-2

INTER URBAN FOURTH DIVISION

Argentinian Lid v Crescent Star	3-2	1-2
Abruzzi v Macedonia Yagoona	1-1	1-4
Lithgow Workmens v Luddenham Croatia	6-0	8-0
Cyprus United v Castle Hill	0-0	1-5

INTER URBAN FIFTH DIVISION

Santiago Wanderers v Hellas Poseidon	0-4	1-2
Arncliffe RSL v Nth Rocks	4-0	1-1
Orange Waratah v Calabria	0-1	2-0

TNT SKYPAK LEAGUE DIV 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Manly Warringah	13	6	5	2	17	8	17
Rockdale	13	7	2	4	28	15	16
Ku-ring-gai	13	5	6	2	14	8	16
Wollongong	13	5	6	2	9	5	16
Melita Eagles	13	5	5	3	23	10	15
Sutherland	13	6	3	4	13	11	15
Polonia	13	4	5	4	18	21	13
Uruguayan	13	3	7	3	10	13	13
Warringah F/W	13	5	2	6	20	26	12
Avala	13	4	3	6	12	17	11
Penrith City	13	4	0	9	17	33	8
Fairy Meadow	13	2	0	11	10	24	4

YOUTH LEAGUE NORTHERN DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AIS	12	10	1	1	61	8	21
Sydney City	12	9	1	2	32	11	19
St George	13	8	3	2	37	17	19
Blacktown City	14	8	3	3	32	29	19
Canberra	13	7	2	4	31	23	16
Marconi	13	8	—	5	29	22	16
Sydney Olympic	13	6	2	5	24	23	14
Leichhardt	13	5	3	5	28	20	13
Canterbury	13	3	2	8	11	33	8
Wollongong	13	3	1	9	14	36	7
Sydney Croatia	13	2	2	9	16	35	6
Newcastle	13	2	1	10	12	32	5
Inter-Monaro	13	2	1	10	10	48	5

Sat 28th June

AIS 7 (P. Foster (2), Trimboli (2), Naven (1), Healey (1), Van Blerk (1), BLACKTOWN 0.

NEWCASTLE 0 SYDNEY CITY 1 (Parish)
MARCONI 2 (Gunning, Ackerley) WOLLONGONG 0
BLACKTOWN 3 (Sharpe, Eller, Berry) CANBERRA 0
CANTERBURY 1 (Marinos) SYD OLYMPIC 2 (Genaris (2pen)).

INTER-MONARO 1 (Sorenson) APIA 1 (Speranza)
ST GEORGE 3 (Ilic, McKie, Aranyi) SYD CROATIA 1 (Kovacic)

Blacktown suffered only their first loss in ten matches since the first round when absolutely swamped by League leaders AIS 7-0. The Institute bagged six goals in the second half demolition job as the Demons folded under the pressure.

The Demons bounced back however to down the high flying Canberra 3-0 with all goals coming in the final 14 minutes.

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OAK "BILL TURNER CUP" NEWCASTLE — HUNTER

ROUND TWO

Glendale 2 d Maitland B.H. 1, Warners Bay 2 d Belmont 1, Merewether 6 d Lambton 0, Cardiff 5 d Francis Greenway, Beresfield 0, Kotara 1 d Gateshead 0, Jesmond 1 d St Pius X, Adamstown 0, Booragul v Toronto (withdraw) (West Wallsend reinstated), Kurri 4 d Morisset 1, Newcastle 3 d Cessnock 1, Whitebridge 0-3p d St Peters, Maitland 0-2p, Singleton 10 d Scone 0, Broadmeadow 7 d Newcastle Grammar 1.

OAK TURNER CUP ROUND 3

Div 2: Holy Cross 3 b Epping 0, Marsden 3 b Crestwood 0, St Patricks Dundas 5 b Model Farms 2. **Div 3:** St Dominics Penrith 3 b Springwood 1, Dunheved 4 b Penrith 2, Rooty Hill 0 b Holy Family 0 (4-2 on penalties). **Div 4:** Elderslie 4 Busby 2. **Div 5:** Canterbury 0 b Kingsgrove Nth 0 (4-3 on penalties). Hurstville 5 b James Cook 1, Jannali 1 b Kirrawee 1 (5-3 on penalties). **Div 6:** Strathfield Sth 0 b Christian Bros Lewisham 0 (5-4 on penalties).

ROUND 4

Div 1: Balgowlah 1 b Cromer 0, Normanhurst 4 b Killarney Hts 0. **Div 2:** Holy Cross Ryde 0 b Marsden 0 (4-3 on penalties). St Patricks Dundas 3 b Holroyd 2. **Div 3:** St Dominics Penrith 4 b Dunheved 2, Rooty Hill 2 b Riverstone 1. **Div 4:** Condell Park 3 b Elderslie 0, Patrician Bros Fairfield 3 b Cabramatta 1. **Div 5:** Canterbury Boys' 2 b Hurstville 1. **Div 6:** JJ Cahill 2 b Randwick 1. **Divisional finals to be played at Melita Stadium on Monday June 30:** Div 1: Balgowlah v Normanhurst. **Div 2:** Holy Cross v St Patricks Dundas. **Div 6:** JJ Cahill v Strathfield Sth or Ashfield Boys'.

NSW COMBINED HIGH SCHOOLS RESULTS INTER-REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

At Balgownie

Pool A: Met West 3 d Western 0, Hunter 0 drew North Coast 0, Met West 3 d Met North

THE JUNIOR GAME

with TONY RACITI



AMATEURS MUST CLEAN UP THEIR ACT AT PARKLEA

IT is high time for one or two NSW Amateur officials and others from the country branches to start realising what Valentine Park is all about.

That is my conclusion after looking at the position for 18 months, and particularly after being at the complex for four days over the Queen's Birthday weekend.

BY FRANK FINLAY

The attitude of these people is not helping the game, and certainly it does not assist the work of the NSW Director of Coaching, Alan Vest.

The Valentine Park complex is superb and will be better still as soon as the work on the accommodation blocks is finished in August.

It would be a criminal act to deny any boys access to these facilities in my opinion.

On the face of it both the NSW Soccer Federation and the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation are working toward the same goal.

I have noticed that NSW Amateur secretary Frank Wilson and some country officials adopt an attitude towards the profits of the canteen that is difficult to understand.

Profits are automatically ploughed back into the Valentine Park improvements. Do they believe that the money should go to Amateur Federation funds or somewhere else?

Charles and Joan Valentine and Bill Walker put a lot of voluntary time into running the canteen and also the kitchen. Why shouldn't the profits go into the ground improvements.

My view is clearly that, if anyone wants to challenge what is being done then they should put the matter before the appropriate organisation.

It could go to the next NSW Amateurs meeting and then we would have the representative view of the NSW Amateurs as a whole.

There is certainly no future in letting a nagging toothache persist.

On this question Alan Vest told me: "It is high time for both Federations to sit down round a table and iron out the problems." That seems to me to be the next move.

Whilst I was at Valentine Park NSW Amateur secretary Frank Wilson told the country representative coaches and managers that the Amateurs will leave Valentine Park and seek different venues for their camps when the NSW Federation is not

footing the bill.

"Where will you go?", I asked.

"Anywhere," was the reply.

There seems also to be some objection to the reasonable demands and requirements for constant supervision of young players whilst they are in the camp.

This discipline comes from the project manager Eric Arneil, and it is certainly not too much to expect. He has the responsibility to protect this marvelous asset.

The sooner this matter is properly aired and tidied up the better it will be for the youngsters who are seeking places in the higher echelons of Soccer.

STRONG CATHOLIC SCHOOLS EXCEL

CATHOLIC schools have done so well in the Oak Turner Cup that between one and three of them will become Divisional champions. This precedent will have a big bearing on the future of the schoolboy game.

Up until last year it was an automatic event for the public High schools to be virtual certainties for the top honours.

At Garside Park last Wednesday week St Patricks Dundas turned a 2-0 deficit into a 3-2 win over Holroyd High.

To complete the night's work Holy Cross Ryde defeated Marsden High 4-3 on penalties.

At Melita Stadium last Monday night Patrician Bros Fairfield took out Cabramatta High 3-1 and two days later St Dominics Penrith

polished off Dunheved High 4-2 in another thrilling game.

Here is the position in the run for the divisional finals:

DIV 1: Balgowlah Boys v Normanhurst or Killarney. **DIV 2:** Holy Cross v St Patricks Dundas. **DIV 3:** St Dominics v Rooty Hill. **DIV 4:** Condell Park v Patrician Bros. **DIV 5:** Condell Park v Jannali or Sylvania. **DIV 6:** JJ Cahill v Strathfield South or Ashfield Boys.

BOORAGUL WITHDRAWN

UNBELIEVABLE as it may appear the Booragul team was withdrawn from the Oak "Bill Turner Cup" when the coach realised that two players were just overage.

Of the two teams beaten by Booragul, it was West Wallsend who took up the option to return to the competition for a Round Three Newcastle/Hunter clash.

West Wallsend, had the home ground advantage on a wet Gregory Park against Kurri but it soon appeared that the Coalfields side had their measure. Two well taken goals in ten minutes had Westy floundering.

However they held on to equalise by half time with impressive goals from Dean Djakiew and John Russell.

There was plenty of end to end football in the second half until John Russell took control of a high pass, beat two defenders and slotted it beyond the goalkeeper.

West Wallsend were best served by the two Australian squad members John Russell and Brad Evans, Northern

NSW sweeper Ian Tre-sidden and Adam Frew.

★ ★ ★

Jesmond and St Pius X Adamstown played an exciting Second Round match which Jesmond won from a lone goal, converting a penalty late in the second half.

After an even first half St Pius looked all set to dominate proceedings, and Jesmond needed all the strength of Chris Jonas as stopper to hold them together.

Territorially Jesmond may have shaded St Pius but it was a very hard fought and exciting encounter.

Others to show out for Jesmond were Scott Wells (emulating his older brother Ross now with Highfields Azzurri), Keiron Rochester and Vladice Popovic.

Jesmond 1 (Scott Wells) d St Pius X Adamstown 0.

The late game was a thriller. It was end to end skilful Soccer, played at a fast pace. Fairfield Patrician Brothers were a fast, nippy side who supported each other well, both in attack and defence and

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GLADESVILLE UNITED UNDER 21



0, North Coast 0 drew Western 0, Met North 1 d Hunter 0.

Pool B: Met South-West 4 d Riverina 0, North-West 1 d South Coast 0, Met East 6 d Riverina 1, Met South-West 2 d North-West 1, South Coast 1 drew Met East 1.

Day 2

Pool A: Met Nth 2 b Western 0, Met West 2 b North Coast 1, Hunter 3 b Western 0, Met Nth 3 b Nth Coast 1, Met West 2 b Hunter 0.

Pool B: Sth Coast 2 b Riverina 0, Met East 3 b Nth West 0, Met Sth West 1 b Sth Coast 0, Riverina 0 drew with Nth West 0, Met East 0 drew with Met Sth West 0.

Final placings Pool A: Met West 1, Met Nth 2, Hunter 3, Nth Coast 4, Western 5.

Pool B: Met Sth West 1, Met East 2, Sth Coast 3, Nth West 4, Riverina 5.

From Left to Right: E. Velonas (coach), B. Foundas, M. Hrysanthos, C. Sfinos, C. Tziortzis, P. Smyneos, M. Kriezis, S. Karapostolos, G. Hallikiotis, A. Christodoulou (manager).

Sitting Down Left to Right: P. Kollias, C. Stavropoulos, M. Salvatsis, A. Bakoulis, C. Kontos, V. Zagaras, N. Fragidakis.

Gladesville United is playing in the Gladesville-Hornsby Association in the Under 21 Division and is undefeated, leading the table with 22 points from 11 games having score 74 goals and only 8 against at time of writing.

The team is hoping to represent Gladesville-Hornsby Association in the Champion of Champions competition at the end of the season. It looks as if they are well on the way to achieving their objective!

OAK TURNER CUP SUCCESS

LAST Monday week the semi finals in Division 4 were played at Melita Stadium in front of a crowd of enthusiastic supporters.

In the early match both teams were very nervous, playing for the first time under lights and the game failed to reach any great heights,

in the first half. Condell Park were able, however, to take an early lead through their captain and Australian Youth player Paul Rego, who scored with a free kick from just outside the area.

This remained the half time score after

Rego had hit the bar with another free kick and Elderslie keeper Daniel Morandin made fourpoint blank saves.

In the second half both sides settled down to play good attacking Soccer. However the Condell Park defence proved too good for the

Elderslie forwards, before Paul Rago drilled through half a dozen players from halfway to make the game safe for Condell Park. A defensive mixup allowed Zlatko Mornirevski to score the third Condell Park goal, late in the match.

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'HELP' CRY DEAF SOCCER PLAYERS

BY KEITH GILMOUR

THE Australian Deaf Soccer Football Association is frantically raising funds to send the Australian team to the Asia/Pacific Soccer Championship.

Australia was runner-up in the first series held in Hong Kong two years ago, and the 1986 titles will be contested from October 27 to November 1.

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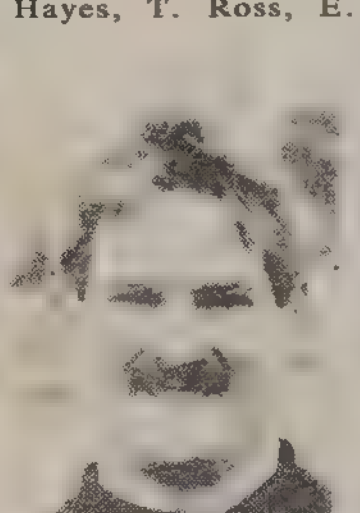
Members of the selected 18-man squad are: I. Campbell, N. Moir, A. Moir, L. Hayes, T. Ross, E.

another quick break.

After halftime Cabramatta began to throw everything at Fairfield in an effort to equalise but without success, before the game exploded with the minutes remaining.



Matthew Veale (coach)



Tony Markovitch (Vic)



Ian Campbell (NSW)

Secretary of the national association is Mrs Wendy Home of Brisbane, and she runs a very well organised show.

"We would greatly appreciate any assistance that our friends can give us," she told us.

"It will cost each member of the party \$2000 for the tour and money is difficult to raise.

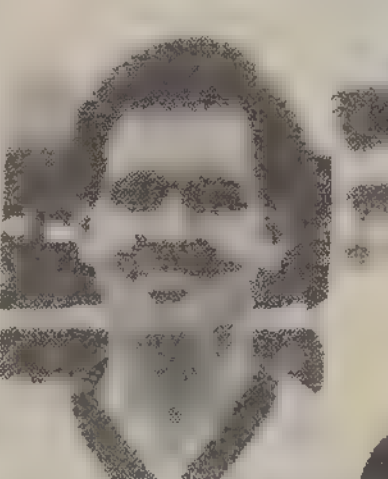
"Any donations can be sent to our fund raiser, Mr Roger Goodwin, 50 Amesbury Ave, Sifton NSW 2162 Tel: (02) 645 1545."

The Australian team is coached by Matthew Veale of Victoria, with Barry Knapman of NSW as his assistant.

Team officials are Graham Home, J. Smeaton and C. King.

The team will have Mr Sato going with it as interpreter.

Many organisations have helped the team, not the least of which is



Barry Sam (Qld)



Wendy Home (Sec/Treas)

Finos, W. Tooker, G. Clissold, G. Best (NSW), M. Ramadan, M. Walker, P. Jorgenden, C. Barbara, T. Markovitch (Vic), B. Sam, W. Saunders (Qld), R. Bowler (WA), A. Kroon (Tas).

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were deadly in counter-attack. Cabramatta were able to string together some good moves but lacked support, when in key attacking positions. Just before halftime the deadlock was broken when Patrician Brothers scored through Martin Manicaro, after yet

Another quick Fairfield break with four lovely first time passes ended with another Manicaro goal — Patrician Brothers 2-0.

Almost from the kick-off Cabramatta attacked, Tony Telman was upended in the penalty area, then got up to put the penalty away — Cabramatta were back in the match. Yet just as quickly Fairfield put the game beyond doubt. Cabramatta fiddled with the ball, close to their own goal out by the corner flag, lost possession, the ball was squared across the area and who was on hand to hammer the ball into the net — Martin Manicaro! Three goals within five minutes!

The finals of Divisions 1, 2 and 3 will be played on Monday 30th June and those of Divisions 4, 5 and 6, the following week Monday 7th July, all at Melita Stadium.

—Lindsay Hewison.

NEPEAN IS OVERCOMING LACK OF EXPERIENCE

NEPEAN's Under 14 Youth League side are to be applauded on their efforts so far this season.

Only one player from their entire squad has had prior Youth League experience, and even allowing for this, the side is currently mid-table in the competition.

"The improvement shown by the boys is

very satisfying in the high level of junior Soccer in which they are playing," official Bob Tunks said.

The Nepean official also praised senior referee Doug Rennie for his refereeing of junior

matches.

"Perhaps some junior referees could take a course off Doug. His communication with junior players is phenomenal and he gets respect and good Soccer, without finger-wav-

ing and yellow cards," Tunks added.

Nepean's Youth League co-ordinator David Wadsworth is a very keen official, who also is well-known for his work in women's Soccer.

— TONY RACITI



NEPEAN UNDER 14

Back Row Left to Right: Greg Jehn (coach), John Woodhouse, Les Watson, Mark Mijatovic, Jason Rae, Patrick Lucas, Steven McIvor, Scott Graham, Roy Maybury (manager).

Front Row Left to Right: Tony Stakovski, Damlan Anshaw, Darren Tolley, Grant Tunks, Sean Copeland, Phillip Maybury, Marlo Bellino, Adam Thorn.

MERGERS, ADMINISTRATION, AND THE STRUCTURE

BY TONY RACITI

A cloud hangs over the future direction of the NSWASF and three important aspects hold the key.

The first revolves around the relationship between the NSWASF and its senior counterpart the NSW Federation of Soccer clubs.

There is a clear divergence of opinion between officials and the Amateur body on what path their organisation should tread.

This divergence of opinion spreads right across the entire structure of the organisation, in both Sydney and Country areas.

It is not unknown that the Amateur president, Ian Holmes, has strongly advocated that the juniors and seniors ought to be together as one organisation, or if a merger was not possible the two Federations

should work in tandem with one another.

On the other side of the fence those who do not believe that a marriage is possible or would be contemplated, hold strongly to the view that the seniors and juniors should not mix.

Each organisation they would argue should look after their own areas of responsibility.

The second item which it would appear has the Amateur Federation in two camps is whether there should be a full-time executive director or administrator.

The view of the Amateur Federation president is on record as being a supporter of paid staff.

However it is not understood by a number of other officials that a need exists, or in fact that an executive director would be beneficial.

One argument being advanced is that the current honorary officers system served the Amateur Federation well and will continue to do so into the future.

The third key issue concerns both the management and organisational structure of the Amateur Federation.

It is known that a proposal to restructure

the State into zones and to reduce the size of the management committee have been put forward.

While it should be argued that it is good management practice, or in fact good house-keeping, to review an organisation's method of operation and communication, one can only imagine the heart-burn facing some people in coming to terms with any radical changes.

ASW approached the NSWASF president Ian Holmes for his views on what direction he considered his organisation was likely to take.

We received an unusually guarded response from him.

He said that the three matters were currently

in the melting pot and he did not think it appropriate to comment on organisational matters that were before a selected sub-committee.

When challenged about sending these matters to a sub-committee as a way of bumping them off or defusing them, he responded that all items had been discussed at a full management committee meeting.

"The subjects require mature consideration by a small group before being placed before affiliates for a decision," Holmes said.

It would appear the agonies on which direction to take could go on for many months.

NSW YOUTH LEAGUE RESULTS

ROUND 14

DIVISION 1

		U/13	U/14	U/15	U/16
Cant Marrick	vs B'town City	0-1	0-2	0-3	2-0
Marconi	vs Illawarra	2-1	3-0	1-0	3-0
Nepean Assoc	vs Melita	0-1	2-2	1-2	1-0
Syd Olympic	vs Apia Leich	0-2	1-0	0-1	1-0
Gladesville	vs St George	1-6	0-2	0-3	0-1

DIVISION 2

Sydney City	vs Granville Ass	0-5	1-0	4-0	2-2
Sthn Districts	vs Nth Bankstown	3-0	3-0	0-0	3-0
Ku-ring-gai	vs Sutherland	2-3	1-0	0-1	0-0
Manly Assoc	vs Macarthur	0-3	1-0	0-1	1-1
Avala	vs Central Coast	0-1	1-3	0-1	1-1

DIVISION 3

Polonia Syd	vs Canterbury	0-2	0-2	1-4	1-3
Bankstown	vs Campbelltown	4-0	1-2	2-0	1-1
Blacktown	vs Croatia Syd	0-4	1-0	0-3	1-3
Syd Yugal	vs U. Auburn	1-5	0-2	1-1	0-1
Rockdale	bye.				

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NSW YOUTH LEAGUE RESULTS

METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

		U/11	U/12
Bankstown	vs Central Coast	2-1	2-1
Blacktown	vs Illawarra	bye	1-3
Granville	vs Canterbury	4-1	0-4
Macarthur	vs St George	1-2	1-1
Sth Dists	vs Nepean	1-2	2-0
Gladesville	vs Sutherland	0-4	2-1

THE WOMENS SOCCER SCENE



AUSTRALIAN UNDER 15 AND 17 CHAMPIONSHIPS BEGIN

THE highly prestigious National under 15 and 17 years titles begin next Saturday at Sydney Athletic Field, with the NSW Womens Amateur Soccer Federation as the hosts.

The series brings together the top echelon of Australia's young women's soccer talent.

BY KEITH GILMOUR

In many of the games the standard will prove an eye-opener for those who go along to see the games for the first time. If NSW, as they undoubtedly will, turn on the quality of arrangements that Tasmania did in 1985 then the series will be an outstanding success.

Last year NSW had a double-barrelled win covering both grades, although the under 15s, coached by David Wadsworth and managed by Wendy Thomas, only managed to come home as the winning post loomed up.

This is only the second time that a National under 17 championship has been conducted.

The series has proved an ideal bridge between the National team and the under 15 schoolgirls grade.

The arrangements made mean that the games will alternate between the Athletic Field and the St George Stadium at Barton Park Rockdale.

The only exception could be that the finals on Saturday July 12 might have to be held at Waverley Oval should the Athletic Field be needed by the NSW Youth League.

It is a great credit that all states except South Australia will be competing at under 17 level, national executive director Heather Reid told us.

South Australia has been endeavouring to build up its younger grades, with a deal of

effort in this the 150th anniversary of settlement of the state.

The under 15 grade as expected remains a little bare in entries.

This was inevitable, but it is hoped that states other than the four competing will gradually build up in this area.

In action will be South Queensland, NSW, Northern NSW, and Tasmania.

It is no easy thing for a state such as Tasmania to run an under 15 as well as an under 17 team at national level, and in fact they did find it hard to do so.

In as much as they made it they stand as a beckoning beacon to others who have not yet made it in both grades.

As a special event and thanks to NSW club Sydney City, the NSW and Western Australian under 17 teams will play the early game at 2pm to Sydney City and Marconi at the Sydney Athletic Field.

These states were the winners and runners-up respectively at Hobart last season, and patrons should make sure that they are seated in the ground's commodious stand prior to the 2pm kick off.

The wind-up Presentation Night will be held at the St George Budapest Soccer Club at Mortdale on the final night — Saturday week July 12 — and the celebrations are certain a real highlight of the events.

NSW president Lal Byers has been the driving force behind making the arrangements on behalf of his state, and it is certain that no steps have been left unturned to make the championships one to be remembered in the years to come.

COMMONWEALTH

**BANK SHIELD
RUDI ROTH TROPHY
(HUNTER)**

REGIONAL SEMI-FINALS

Warners Bay 4 d
Booragul 2, Gateshead
4 d West Wallsend 3.



NSW president Lal Byers.

First Grade: Parramatta City 4 b Manly-Warringah 1, Forest United 3 b Putney Town 1, Chipping Norton 2 b Girraween United 1.

Second Grade: Parramatta City 2 b Manly-Warringah 0, Forest United 2 b Putney Town 0, Chipping Norton 2 b Girraween United 0.

NATIONAL UNDER 15 AND 17 CHAMPIONSHIPS GROUND SCHEDULE

Sat July 5: Sydney Athletic Field
Sun July 6: St George Stadium
Mon July 7: Sydney Athletic Field
Tue July 8: Sydney Athletic Field
Wed July 9: Sydney Athletic Field
Thu July 10: St George Stadium
Fri July 11: St George Stadium
Sat July 12: Sydney Athletic Field or Waverley Oval.

SPECIAL EVENT

Sun July 7: Sydney Athletic Field
NSW V WESTERN AUSTRALIA
at 2pm prior to Sydney City v Marconi National Soccer League match.

HUGE INCREASE AT CASL'LL

WOMEN'S Soccer was only introduced at the Castle Hill Sports & Recreation Club two years ago.

This year their Women's Soccer Club has seven teams, which cover most available age groups. The girls play in the strong Holroyd District Ladies Soccer Association.



Pictured is Vanessa Maltby showing her style as she moves the ball away from an opponent.



NSW coach Collette Fitzpatrick with the trophy for U17 in Hobart.

THE DRAW

SATURDAY 5TH JULY

9.00am	Open Ceremony		
9.15am	March Past		
10.00am	NT v TAS	U17	Syd Ath Fld
11.15am	TAS v NSW	U15	Syd Ath Fld
12.30pm	ACT v SQ	U17	Syd Ath Fld
1.45pm	NSW v SQ	U15	Syd Ath Fld
3.00pm	VIC v WA	U17	Syd Ath Fld
4.15pm	NNSW v NSW	U17	Syd Ath Fld

SUNDAY 6TH JULY

9.00am	ACT v VIC	U17	Bart Pk
10.00am	SQ v TAS	U15	Bart Pk
10.15am	TAS v NNSW	U17	Bart Pk
11.15am	NNSW v NSW	U15	Bart Pk
11.30am	SQ v NT	U17	Bart Pk
2.00pm	NSW v WA	U17	Syd Ath Fld

*NSW v WA game is scheduled as curtain raiser to Sydney City v Marconi (NSL Game) at Sydney Athletic Field 2pm.

MONDAY 7TH JULY

9.00am	NT v ACT	U17	Syd Ath Fld
10.15am	TAS v NSW	U15	Syd Ath Fld
11.30am	NSW v VIC	U17	Syd Ath Fld
12.45pm	NNSW v SQ	U15	Syd Ath Fld
2.00pm	WA v TAS	U17	Syd Ath Fld
3.15pm	NNSW v SQ	U17	Syd Ath Fld

TUESDAY 8TH JULY

9.00am	TAS v NSW	U17	Syd Ath Fld
10.15am	NNSW v TAS	U15	Syd Ath Fld
11.30am	SQ v WA	U17	Syd Ath Fld
12.45pm	SQ v NSW	U15	Syd Ath Fld
2.00am	ACT v NNSW	U17	Syd Ath Fld
3.15pm	VIC v NT	U17	Syd Ath Fld

THURSDAY 10TH JULY

10.00am	NSW v SQ	U17	Bart Pk
11.15am	TAS v VIC	U17	Bart Pk
11.30am	TAS v SQ	U15	Bart Pk
12.45pm	NNSW v NT	U17	Bart Pk
1.00pm	WA v ACT	U17	Bart Pk
2.00pm	NSW v NNSW	U15	Bart Pk

FRIDAY 11TH JULY

10.00am	VIC v NNSW	U17	Bart Pk
11.15am	NT v WA	U17	Bart Pk
11.30am	NSW v TAS	U15	Bart Pk
12.45pm	SQ v TAS	U17	Bart Pk
1.00pm	ACT v NSW	U17	Bart Pk
2.30pm	SQ v NNSW	U15	Bart Pk

SUNDAY 12TH JULY

10.00am	WA v NSW	U17	Syd Ath Fld
11.30am	NSW v NT	U17	Syd Ath Fld
1.00pm	SQ v VIC	U17	Syd Ath Fld
2.30pm	TAS v ACT	U17	Syd Ath Fld



NSW management — Hlrons, Thomas and Wadsworth — with their trophies in 1985.

THROUGH THE WORLD CUP LENS



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MEXICO 86



WORLD CUP SNAPSHOTS

- 1—STEPHANE DE MOL leaps into the arms of a team-mate after scoring the third goal in Belgium's 4-3 extra-time win over the USSR during the quarter-finals.
- 2—DIEGO MARADONA is unceremoniously upended by a South Korean defender during Argentina's 3-1 win in the first round.
- 3—MEXICAN delight after a goal by Fernando Quirarte.
- 4—MANUELE NEGRETTE scores against Bulgaria with a spectacular flying scissors-kick, giving his side a 1 goal lead in a 2-0 win.
- 5—GARY LINEKER raises his hand in jubilation after scoring one of his six goals in the World Cup.
- 6—A dejected BOBBY ROBSON walks off the field after England's 2-1 loss to a Diego Maradona inspired Argentina.
- 7—MICHEL PLATINI scores France's first goal in the 2-0 second round win over Italy. Trying in vain to stop him is Antonio Cabrini.
- 8—SOCRATES arrogantly scores from a penalty against Poland during Brazil's 4-0 win in the second round.
- 9—PLATINI leaps into the arms of William Ayache after scoring against Italy.
- 10—CARECA of Brazil is sent flying by a great tackle by Northern Ireland skipper SAMMY McILROY. Irish midfielder David McCreey views proceedings.
- 11—BRUNO CONTI embraces Alessandro Altobelli. Also in the picture is captain Gaetano Scirea.
- 12—ALTOBELLI's first goal against the Koreans. You reckon Salvatore Bagni isn't pleased!
- 13—ECSTASY! Belgium are through to the semis after defeating Spain on penalties. The players rejoice.

WORLD CUP 1986



THE GOLDEN STORY OF THE WORLD CUP

1930



1930 in Uruguay. 1. Uruguay 2. Argentina 3. USA and Yugoslavia

FINAL (Montevideo, 30.7.1930)
Uruguay — Argentina 4-2 (1-1)
Uruguay: Ballesteros, Nasazzi, Mascheroni, Andrade, Fernandez, Gestido, Dorado, Scarone, Castro, Cea, Iriarte
Argentina: Botasso, Della Torre, Paternoster, Evaristo J., Monti, Suarez, Peucelle, Varallo, Stabile, Ferreira, Evaristo M.
Scorers: Dorado, Cea, Iriarte, Castro (Uruguay); Peucelle and Stabile (Argentina)
Referee: Langenus (Belgium)
Top Goalscorer: Stabile (Argentina) 8 goals.

1934



1934 in Italy. 1. Italy 2. Czechoslovakia 3. Germany 4. Austria

FINAL (Rome 10.6.1934)
Italy — Czechoslovakia 2-1 aet (0-0, 1-1)
Italy: Combi, Monzeglio, Allemandi, Ferraris IV, Monti, Bertolini, Guaita, Meazza, Schiavio, Ferrari, Orsi.
Czechoslovakia: Planicka, Enisek, Ctyroky, Kostalek, Cambal, Krcil, Junek, Svoboda, Sobotka, Nejedly, Puc.
Scorers: Puc (C), Orsi, Schiavio (I).
Referee: Ekland (Sweden).
Top Goalscorers: Schiavio (Italy), Nejedly (Czechoslovakia), Conen (Germany) 4 goals.

1938



1938 in France. 1. Italy 2. Hungary 3. Brazil 4. Sweden

FINAL (Paris 19.6.1938)
Italy — Hungary 4-2 (3-1)
Italy: Olivieri, Foni, Rava, Serantoni, Andreola, Locatelli, Biavati, Meazza, Piola, Ferrari, Colaussi.
Hungary: Szabo, Polgar, Biro, Szalai, Szucs, Lazar, Sas, Vincze, Sarosi, Szengeller, Titkos.
Scorers: Colaussi 2, Piola 2 (I) Titkos, Sarosi (C)
Referee: Capdeville (France)
Top Goalscorers: Leonidas (Brazil) 8 goals.

1950



1950 in Brazil. 1. Uruguay 2. Brazil 3. Sweden 4. Spain.

FINAL (Rio, 16.7.1950)
Uruguay — Brazil 2-1 (0-0)
Uruguay: Maspoli, Gonzalez, Tejera, Gambetta, Varela, Andrade, Ghiggia, Perez, Minguez, Schiaffino, Moran.
Brazil: Barbosa, Augusto, Juvenal, Bauer, Danilo, Sigode, Friaca, Zininho, Ademir, Jair, Chico.
Scorers: Friaca (B), Ghiggia (U), Schiaffino (U).
Referee: Reader (England).
Top Goalscorers: Ademir (Brazil) 7 goals.

1954



1958 in Sweden. 1. Brazil 2. Sweden 3. France 4. Germany.

FINAL (Stockholm, 29.6.1958)
Brazil — Sweden 5-2 (2-1)
Brazil: Gilmar, D. Santos, N. Santos, Zito, Bellini, Orlando, Garrincha, Didi, Vavá, Pelé, Zagalo.
Sweden: Svensson, Bergmark, Axborn, Boerjesson, Gustavsson, Parling, Hamrin, Gren, Simonsson, Liedholm, Skoglund.
Scorers: Liedholm (S), Pelé (B), Vavá (B), Zagalo (B), Simonsson (S), Pelé (B).
Referee: Guigue (France)
Top Goalscorers: Fontaine (France) 13 goals.

1958



1962 in Chile. 1. Brazil 2. Czechoslovakia 3. Chile 4. Yugoslavia.

FINAL (Santiago, 17.6.1962)
Brazil — Czechoslovakia 3-1 (1-1)
Brazil: Gilmar, D. Santos, N. Santos, Mauro, Zosimo, Zito, Garrincha, Didi, Vavá, Amarildo, Zagalo.
Czechoslovakia: Schroll, Tichy, Novak, Pliskal, Popluhar, Masopust, Pospichal, Scherer, Kvasniak, Kadraha, Jilinek.
Scorers: Masopust (C), Amarildo (B), Zito (B), Vavá (B).
Referee: Latkev (USSR).
Top Goalscorers: Jerkovic (Yugoslavia), Alberti (Hungary), Garrincha (Brazil), Ivanov (USSR), Vavá (Brazil), Sanchez (Chile) 4 goals.

1966 in England. 1. England 2. Germany 3. Portugal 4. USSR.

FINAL (Wembley, 30.7.1966)
England — W.Germany 4-2 aet (1-1, 2-2)
England: Banks, Cohen, Wilson, Stiles, J. Charlton, Moore, Ball, Hunt, B. Charlton, Hurst, Peters.
W.Germany: Tillowsky, Hottges, Schnellinger, Beckenbauer, Schulz, Weber, Haller, Held, Seeler, Overath, Emmerich.
Scorers: Haller (G), Peters (I), Hurst (I), Weber (G), Hurst 2 (I).
Referee: Dienst (Switzerland).
Top Goalscorers: Eusebio (Portugal) 9 goals.

1970 in Mexico. 1. Brazil 2. Italy 3. W.Germany 4. Uruguay.

FINAL (Mexico City, 21.6.1970)
Brazil — Italy 4-1 (1-1)
Brazil: Felix, Carlos Alberto, Everaldo, Clodoaldo, Brito, Piazza, Jarzinho, Gerson, Tostao, Pelé, Rivelino.
Italy: Albertosi, Burgnich, Facchetti, Bertini, Juliano, Rosato, Cera, Domenghini, Mazzola, Boninsegna, (Rivera), De Sisti, Riva.
Scorers: Pelé (B), Boninsegna (I), Gerson (B), Jarzinho (B), Carlos Alberto (B).
Referee: Gloeckner (West Germany).
Top Goalscorers: Muller (West Germany) 10 goals.

1974 in Germany. 1. W.Germany 2. Holland 3. Poland 4. Brazil.

FINAL (Monaco, 7.7.1974)
W.Germany — Holland 2-1 (2-1)
W.Germany: Maier, Vogst, Breitner, Beckenbauer, Schwarzenbeck, Bonhof, Grabowski, Hoeness, Muller, Overath, Hozenbein.
Holland: Jongbloed, Surbier, Krol, Jansen, Rijsbergen, (De Jong), Haan, Nskens, van Hanegem, Rep. Crujff, Rensenbrink, (W. van de Kerckhof).
Scorers: Neskens (O), Breitner (G), Muller (G).
Referee: Taylor (England).
Top Goalscorers: Lato (Poland) 7 goals.

1978 in Argentina. 1. Argentina 2. Holland 3. Brazil 4. Italy.

FINAL (Buenos Aires, 25.6.1978)
Argentina — Holland 3-1 aet (1-0, 1-1)
Argentina: Fillol, Olguin, Tarantini, Passarella, Galvan, Gallego, Bertoni, Ardiles, (Larrosa), Luque, Kempes, Oris, (Houseman).
Holland: Jongbloed, Portvliet, Jansen, (Surbier), Krol, Brandts, Neeskens, Rep. (Nanninga), Haan, Rensenbrink, W. Van de Kerckhof, R. Van de Kerckhof.
Scorers: Kempes (A), Portvliet (O), Kempes (A), Bertoni (A).
Top Goalscorers: Kempes (Argentina) 6 goals.

1982 in Spain. 1. Italy 2. Germany 3. Poland 4. France.

FINAL (Madrid, 11 July 1982)
Italy — German 3-1 (0-0)
Italy: Zoff, Bergomi, Cabrini, Gentile, Collovati, Scirea, Conti, Tardelli, Rossi, Orsini, Graziani, (Altobelli, Causio).
W.Germany: Schumacher, Kaltz, Briegel, B. Foerster, K.H. Foerster, Stielike, Littbarski, Dremmier, (Hrubesch), Fischer, Breitner, Rummenigge, (Muller).
Scorers: Rossi (I), Tardelli (I), Altobelli (I), Breitner (G).
Referee: Coelho (Brazil).
Top Goalscorers: Rossi (Italy), 6 goals.



1986

1962



1966



1970



1974



1978



1982

